



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 27, 2022 The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ACTIVITY TIME MASS INTENTION

Saturday – February 26

Mass	5:00 pm	Lon Snider and Victor Bofill
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Sunday February 27

Mass	8:30 am	Greg English
Mass	10:30 am	Rose Ferris

Monday February 28

NO MASS and the Office is closed

Tuesday March 1

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Ash Wednesday March 2

Mass	9:30 am	Nina DiFrancisco
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm	

Thursday March 3

Mass	9:30 am	+ Howard Stacy
Adoration	10:00 am	
Circle of Caring	10:00 am	

Friday March 4

Mass	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Stations of the Cross	5:00 pm	

FATHER AKUTI'S REFLECTION - FOR THE RIGHT REASON

Central theme: Jesus draws our attention to practical points of Christian living and challenges us to use our words as he used his in preaching and healing ministry — to heal, to restore, and to bring back life, joy, and hope. We are to share our Christian life, love, and spiritual health by our words, and to avoid gossiping and passing rash, thoughtless, pain-inflicting judgments on others, thus damaging their good reputation and causing them irreparable harm.

He warns us not to judge others. Since we all have faults, we have no right to judge the faults of others. What is striking about a meeting of recovering alcoholics is this shared admission of weakness. Each is encouraged to take the first step towards reform: admitting that he or she has a difficulty that he needs help to control. Each is encouraged by the others to stay sober. Among the general public our specific weakness is less obvious than the addiction that grips an alcoholic. But we find it even harder to admit our weakness, even to ourselves. Rather we prefer to give the impression that we are just fine, and in no need of the compassion of others.

On the other hand, some are responsible for guiding and encouraging others. Parents have the responsibility of showing their children, by examples of how to lead a decent life. The Gospel reminds us that the blind cannot lead the blind, that we need to remove the log out of our own eye in order to be able to help (though not to judge) others. One cannot undertake to guide others until one has a good sense of values: one must not only be well-informed, but also be committed to correcting one's deficiencies.

Jesus warns against self-righteousness. Just keeping the letter of the law is not enough, for God searches the heart. We need to do the right thing from the right intention. He wants us to practice self-criticism and be aware of our motives. We need to turn to God within our hearts, to purify our inmost intentions. This is what king David meant when he prayed, "Lord, create in me a pure heart; put a steadfast spirit within me."

Some Takeaways

- 1) No one except God is good enough to judge others because only God sees the whole truth, so He has the ability, right, and authority to judge us.
- 2) We are often prejudiced in our judgment of others, and total fairness cannot be expected from us, especially when we are judging those we do not like.
- 3) We have no right to judge because we have the same faults as the one, we are judging and often in a greater degree. Abraham Lincoln said that the only one who has the right to criticize is the one who has the heart to help.
- 4) Hence, we should leave all judgment to God, practice mercy and forgiveness, and pray for God's grace to get rid of all forms of hypocrisy in our lives.

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THIS WEEK: There will be no Mass on Monday or Tuesday. We welcome Father Lelo Barragan, who will be helping out this weekend, here and at Sacred Heart.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL:

Because we have not received the DVD with the message from Archbishop Sample, we will wait and have Commitment Weekend for the 2022 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal next weekend.

CRS RICE BOWL: Get closer to God this Lenten Season by joining our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the table in the vestibule. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

SYNOD GATHERINGS: Beginning now until the end of March, our parish communities of Tillamook, Cloverdale, and Rockaway will begin our "Table Talks" for the worldwide Synod. During these talks, we will open up for discussion 3 main questions. Archbishop Sample would like each of us to share our thoughts on each of the questions; please check in the upcoming bulletins for further information.

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Howard Stacy, 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 Terrie Reinhard, JoAnn Baker, and Paul Erlebach.

POPE FRANCIS sent the following message in response to the worsening situation in Ukraine. "I invite everyone to make next March 2, Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting for peace. I encourage believers in a special way to devote themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day."

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! 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 a beautiful quilt. Purchase your ticket before and after ALL masses. Tickets are \$10 each, 100 tickets will be sold.



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