



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
March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent: Laetare Sunday



ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday – March 26		
Mass	5:00 pm	Peggy Badger Cole
Sunday March 27		
Mass	8:30 am	Judy Markham Sours And Alice Magnano
Mass	10:30 am	Laura Lane
Monday March 28		
Mass	9:30 am	People of Ukraine
Tuesday March 29		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
Wednesday March 30		
Mass	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm	
Thursday March 31		
Mass	9:30 am	Healing and Recovery for the Sick
Adoration	10:00am	
Circle of Caring	10:00 am	
Friday April 1		
Mass	9:30 am	People of Ukraine
Stations of the Cross	5:00 pm	

REFLECTION FROM FATHER ANGELO

REJOICE! This weekend we celebrate *Laetare Sunday*. This is a break from the austerity of lent, as we are now halfway through the season. *Laetare* means rejoice. It reminds us of what we are preparing for and looking forward to which is Easter. *Laetare* is for lent as *Gaudete* is for advent. Surely, we have every reason to rejoice when we hear the Gospel reading for this weekend. It is the famous parable of the Prodigal Son. This gospel unceasingly reminds us of God’s unconditional love and unfathomable mercy for all of us.

Last weekend, I had the opportunity to attend the L.A. Religious Education Congress, and one of my favorite speakers, Bp. Robert Barron gave a profound presentation on the meaning of the cross. He shares that “nothing in this world is greater than the mercy of God”. The message speaks of a wonderful reality about the God we worship and know. Regardless of our sinfulness, his mercy is always greater. In moments when we feel ashamed and are tempted to run away from the Lord, our gospel gives an image of the Father running towards the son; running towards us, so our brokenness may be healed and transformed by God’s love. The greatest reason for rejoicing is knowing that we are loved immensely and beyond measure.

The sacraments allow us to experience God’s loving embrace. In this season of Lent, let us allow ourselves to be wrapped in God’s mercy and compassion by restoring our relationship with him in the sacrament of reconciliation. On March 31st, Thursday, there will be a penance service at St. Mary’s in Rockaway and April 7th, Thursday, at Sacred Heart in Tillamook at 6pm. All the priests in the vicariate will be present to hear your confessions. I pray that your Lenten journey be fruitful and meaningful.

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: This weekend we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

SYNOD, THANK YOU so much to all who participated in the Synod listening and sharing sessions. It was a wonderful start to a process of encountering, listening and planning for St. Mary by the Sea as well as our church as a whole. Your input, joys and concerns will be shared on Monday at the Vicariate Synod meeting and we look forward to many more opportunities to put ideas into action and to continue to learn and grow together.

HELPING HANDS THANK YOU: a heartfelt thank you from Helping Hands - Tillamook for the donation of towels, pillow cases, and toiletries. Gary, the manager, was very appreciative. They continue to need new pillows, and new/gently used towels, wash cloths, pillow cases, single bed sheets and personal sized (unopened) toiletries. Your generosity over the years for this program has made a huge difference in the lives of those on their way to recovery and stable housing."

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Doris Matthews and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Louise Kaiser, 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 Gary Baker, Don Vander Zanden, Ronald Niece, Judy Sours, Finley Motsinger, Sharon Cote, Judith Curtis, and Sandra Somarakis.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: consider attending the Lenten Meditation Services held at Sacred Heart on Tuesdays at 6pm during Lent. They are sponsored and led by the pastors of the five churches in the Tillamook Ecumenical Community.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES: Please consider attending on of our Penance services being offered at all the churches in our Vicariate:

St Mary Star of the Sea Astoria March 29th at 6:30pm
St. Mary by the Sea Rockaway March 31st at 6 pm
Our Lady of Victory Seaside April 5th at 6 pm
Sacred Heart Tillamook April 7th at 6 pm

POPE FRANCIS asks us to pray for Ukraine: "Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine."
"Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world."



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