



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 6, 2022 First Sunday in Lent



ACTIVITY TIME MASS INTENTION

Saturday – March 5

Mass 5:00 pm Isabel Vanderstoep

Sunday March 6

Mass 8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

Mass 10:30 am Souls in Purgatory

Monday March 7

Mass 9:30 am People of the Parish

Tuesday March 8

NO MASS and the Office is closed

Wednesday March 9

Mass 9:30 am Manuel Cota

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday March 10

Mass 9:30 am People of the Parish

Adoration 10:00 am

Circle of Caring 10:00 am

Friday March 11

Mass 9:30 am People in Ukraine

Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm

RECLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

“Challenging our temptation”

When we want to give in to any temptation, we will always find reasons, arguments and logic to support our desires. But we need wisdom from God to challenge, question and walk over our temptations. The message of the Gospel is not just about saying “NO” to temptation but about challenging the temptation or the tempter.

The first temptation was to turn stone into bread. Stones were in plenty around Jesus. If all the stones changed to bread, there would be enough food for a lifetime. The problem of poverty in the world is because so many people want to stack up and store money and material stuff for a life-time. It is the feeling of insecurity. Giving in to the first kind of temptation is like trying to accumulate for a life time when God wants us to live for a given time. Giving in to this temptation will lead us to pillage, plunder, cheat, grab and snatch from others as much as we can.

The second temptation was that Satan would give all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him. This temptation is all too evident from the growing power struggles seen in the world today and increase in violence and bloodshed; one religion trying to dominate another, nations trying to out-do another in economy and weaponry to become world-superpowers; cultures, communities and ethnic groups claiming superiority over another. This temptation for power begins at the individual level when we forget Jesus’ teaching ‘those who wish to be first must be the servant of all’ leading us to clamor for power, position and fame even at the cost and dignity of another.

The third temptation was for Jesus to perform a spectacular act of falling without getting hurt. This temptation reveals itself in certain dangerously advancing technologies where man is trying to play God. Technology is good if it improves the quality of life, but dangerous when the creature wants to become creator. When we rely only on our own strengths and intelligence, we will discount God. All our intelligence put together still cannot stop a Tsunami, an Earthquake or the raging waters of a flood. Paradoxically, it is our intelligence itself that has breached nature’s course and aggravated natural calamities.

So, when any temptation faces you, don’t entertain, but question it as Jesus did. Liken your temptation to any of his temptations and seek the wisdom of God to handle it.

Have a fruitful Lenten time.

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THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: The goal is “to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make people’s hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up worlds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.” It is an assembling of the entire Church over the next two years, at the invitation of our Holy Father, to encounter Christ, journey together and listen to the Holy Spirit. Please pray and think about these 3 questions in preparation for our parish discernment meeting to discuss them. We will let you know the day and time as soon as it is finalized.

1. What in the church fills me with life? How is the Holy Spirit working in my life to deepen my faith and inspire me to be a better disciple and witness of Christ’s love to others?
2. As a community of believers, what experiences of the Catholic Church have brought joys or revealed wounds? And how can these experiences help us grow together in faith and offer the hope and healing of Christ to the greater community in which we live?
3. As a Catholic community, we are expressly enjoined to invite others into a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. When we dream about how best to accomplish this, what steps is the Holy Spirit inviting the Church in western Oregon to take?

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 Phyllis Scott, Manuel Cota, and Fernando Silveira.

ARCHBISHOP’S CATHOLIC APPEAL: This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2022 Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal is \$13,985. If you have not already done so please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our Catholic Church in western Oregon. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our universal church here in western Oregon.

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.

RCIA CANCELED: Please pray for John Lloyd, Seth Lloyd, and James Carlile who are on their journey through the RCIA process to come fully into the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday.



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