



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
April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent



ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday – April 2		
Mass	5:00 pm	Theresa Sarnelli
Sunday April 3		
Mass	8:30 am	Manuel & Nazare Cota
Mass	10:30 am	Ed Sherman
Monday April 4		
Mass	9:30 am	Dia Norris
Tuesday April 5		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
Wednesday April 6		
Mass	9:30 am	Sinners of the World
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm	
Thursday April 7		
Mass	9:30 am	All the souls in Purgatory
Adoration	10:00am	
Circle of Caring	10:00 am	
Friday April 8		
Mass	9:30 am	Missy Lyons
Stations of the Cross	5:00 pm	

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REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

Reminding us of God's readiness to forgive sin, give the sinner a second chance, bind up broken lives, and restore people to His friendship, today's readings challenge us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and one another. The central theme of all three readings is a merciful God's steadfast love. We should not be self-righteous and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion.

In the second reading, Paul presents himself as a forgiven sinner who has been completely transformed by his Faith in Christ Jesus. His life is an example of the Gospel exhortation, "*Sin no more.*"

The sinful woman's story of sin committed, and sin forgiven in today's Gospel, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus offers to repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to amend. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and promising to forgive those who have offended us.

TAKEAWAY NOTES:

1) We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation: Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict, or the shoplifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "*Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*" Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them Jesus' compassion and working with the Holy Spirit to make our own lives exemplary so that we can help lead them to Jesus' ways.

2) We have no right to judge others: We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgments, and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let us leave the judgment to our merciful God Who does read people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness.

THANK YOU to everyone for supporting our efforts to help St. Aloysius School in Uganda. We sold over 100 tickets for the quilt and the drawing will take place after Saturday's Mass. We will also have another raffle next month for two more beautiful quilts in celebration of both Mother's and Father's Day. Thank you again for your support and generosity.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: consider attending the last Lenten Meditation Services held at Sacred Heart this Tuesday April 5th at 6pm. They are sponsored and led by the pastors of the five churches in the Tillamook Ecumenical Community.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES: If you were unable to attend our Lenten Reconciliation service last Thursday, there is still an opportunity to attend at Our Lady of Victory Church in Seaside on April 5th at 6 pm or at Sacred Heart Church in Tillamook April 7th at 6 pm.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday:
Saturday Vigil 5pm, Sunday Mass 8:30 & 10:30am
Holy Thursday:
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
Good Friday:
Stations of the Cross and Service at 3pm
Holy Saturday:
Easter Vigil Service at 8pm

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW:
Please pray for Theresa Sarnelli, Ed Sherman, Missy Lyons and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Louise Kaiser, Howard Stacy, 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.

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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