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 PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136
May 4-5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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OFFICE HOURS
 Wednesday - Friday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am
 Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Mon. Wed. Thur. & Fri. at 9:30 am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

ST. MARY BT THE SEA CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS - EVENTS

Saturday	May 4
First Saturday Mass 8:30am	Marti and Marie DeCoteau
Adoration after Mass	
Mass 5:00 pm	+ Maria Guadalupe Romero Lemus
Sunday	May 5
Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am	Stop the unrest in schools, cities and countries.
First Communion for	Pedro, Finley, and Sheyla
Monday	May 6
Mass 9:30 am	Sean McGillivray
Tuesday	May 7
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	May 8
Mass 9:30 am	All the souls in purgatory
Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm
Thursday	May 9
Mass 9:30 am	Brian Clark
Adoration from 10am until Noon	
Circle of Caring	10am
Friday	May 10
Mass 9:30 am	All the sick and their careivers

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Harold Stern, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Barbara Boyle, Lloyd, Andrew Staruch, Bill Josi, Rozina Agbua, Phyllis Scott, Marcia Simmons, Nicholas Pronesti, Gwen Medina, Lamar O'leary, John Ritter, Joao Pinto Jr., Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope Benedict, Art Pieretti, Marilou Bowman, and all those who have died recently.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Terri Southwick, Eileen Seeger, Lawrence Watson, Arianna Staruch, Hannah Kinstedt, and James Hickey.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND PROGRAM: At St. Mary by the Sea, we treasure our children. We warmly welcome each and every one of them, and we are so grateful to the adults that brought them here. Please feel at home here, and be assured that we love to hear them rustling about and keeping busy during Mass. We have a Children's Corner in the back of the Church and in the Parish Hall. We are starting Sunday School in May during the 10:30 Mass.

QUILT RAFFLE: If you haven't noticed the beautiful quilt that is hanging in the vestibule of the church, make sure you take a look. It will be raffled off on June 9th so make sure you get your tickets after Mass. All proceeds will go toward scholarships for the girls at St. Aloysius School in Uganda. Thank you for your caring support.

GRIEF SHARE: The Grief Share support group is having weekly sessions every Friday. They will run through May 31st from 3pm until 5pm. They are being held in the Parish Hall. You may join at any time. Information cards and brochures are located in the Vestibule.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting some of the parishes in western Oregon from April 26th to May 15th, 2024. The Statue will be at St. Augustine Parish in Lincoln City on May 8th from 11am until 8pm and at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Seaside on May 9th from 11am to 6pm. You are welcome to visit her and say your rosary.

ROSARY: May is the month of the Holy Rosary: Ask for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother for our country, families and Peace in the world. May everyone not miss the opportunity to ask for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

MOTHER'S DAY is next Sunday. Make sure to offer prayers, Mass Intentions, cards, visitation and all kind gestures to the heart of the family – who never stops giving to all – that is our Mothers. Mass intention cards are in the back of the church.

PENTECOST NOVENA: begins next Saturday, May 11th. May we all ask by this Novena a return of peace at all our Universities, Colleges, and Cities. Peace for People of Israel, Gaza, and the entire middle east.

ARCHBISHOPS APPEAL: Please give to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal! To make an immediate impact on our faith community, visit JesusChangesEverything.church, or call (503) 233-8336.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$1,614.75
Needy	\$53.00
Maintenance/Building	\$534.00
Votive	\$5.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$35.00
Gift Donation	\$125.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$25.00
Archbishops Catholic Appeal	\$100.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

In the first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus.

In the second reading, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans "*as expiation for our sins.*" This Divine love gives us the command, and so the duty, to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly, and love one another.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches the disciples that they are to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but now calls us "friends."

TAKEAWAYS

1: We need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus. We need to express this love in our relationships with others by loving them and offering them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy, and sacrifice.

2: We need to be persons for others: Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as Jesus' disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents, and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do, sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health, and wealth for their children, or in other words, by spending themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving everyone the respect he or she deserves. Let us remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked and, hence, that we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.