#### **PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

FINANCE COUNCIL: Father Akuti, Phillip Curtis, Loretta Schutten, Therese Southwick, David Conway, and Dia Norris. PARISH COUNCIL: Father Akuti, Steve Bloom, Chris Bloom, Gloria Lyons, Alicia Voss, Gladys Jacobsen, and Paul Erlebach. AMAZING PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM; Father Akuti, Lauri Conway, Loretta Schutten, Alicia Voss, and Bruce Broswick. HOSPITALITY MINISTRY: Loretta Schutten, Cynthia Sinn, Theresa Bruneau, Terri Southwick, Chris Bloom, and Michelle Vinciguerra. CHOIR: Wayne Schultz, Dorence Cote, Anna Buchanan, Cynthia Sinn, Chris Gant, Diane Gant, Virgil and Cleo, and Israel Pozos' group. LECTOR & EM COORDINATOR: Alicia Voss FAITH FORMATION: Louise Rosas CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Steve Bloom, Wayne Schultz, Mike Davis. CIRCLE OF CARING: Ethel Pierzynski, Marie Hennessy, Rhoda Degiovanni, Reta Girdner, and Mary Felker. CHURCH FLOWER DECOR: Gloria Lyons **GARDENING: WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP** MAINTENANCE: Wayne Schultz & Mike Davis

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Parish websites: stmarybythesea.com Facebook.com/stmarybythesearockawaybeach Parish email: stmarys1927@gmail.com Parish Office Phone: 503-355-2661 PARISH OFFICE HOURS Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 9AM - 3PM Closed Monday and Tuesday. **PARISH STAFF:** Pastor: Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ padreakuti@gmail.com 424-410-0097 Secretary: Doris Matthews stmarys1927doris@gmail.com 503-355-2661 Bookkeeper: Lauri Conway



## St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

PO Box 390 275 S Pacific Street Rockaway Beach OR 97136 June 8-9, 2024

#### **PASTOR:**

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ padreakuti@gmail.com



### 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	June 8
Mass 5:00 pm	+ Beatriz Leon Romero
Sunday	June 9
Mass 8:30 am	Giovanna Zanatto
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	June 10
Mass 9:30 am	+ Ruth Buchanan
Tuesday	June 11
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	June 12
Mass 9:30 am	Elizabeth Hilger
Celebrate Recov	ery 5:30 pm
Thursday	June 13
Mass 9:30 am	+ Lilly C. Olsen
Adoration followi	ng Mass until Noon
Circle of Caring	10am
Friday	June 14
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The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **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

#### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**A TIME FOR HEALING:** Please pray for Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, 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 Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Melida Alvarado, Linda Guma Boaid, Colleen Willis, 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 Ed Seeger, Mike Franciscone, Wayne Schultz, Louise Rosas, and Steve Bloom.

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE CHOIR NEEDS YOU:** If you are interested in joining the choir for either of the Sunday Masses, we are looking for more choir members and we need someone who can play the keyboard during Mass.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND PROGRAM** We are so excited to announce that our new Sunday School program has started at the 10:30 mass! The children will be dismissed before the Readings, and will return in time for the celebration of the Eucharist. We will be using the Liturgy of the Word for Children curriculum. This will be a fun time for children to engage with the Mass at their developmental level. All Sunday School teachers have had background checks and have received training from the Archdiocese. Please plan on having your children join us!

**GARDEN HELP:** If you are interested in helping with our beautiful gardens and can commit to watering, weeding, and deadheading in the gardens for one week this summer, please sigh up in the foyer. Choose a date that best suits your time constraints. Thank you so much!

**FAITH FORMATION:** There are forms in the back of the church for our Faith Formation classes. If someone in your family, or a friend, is interested in becoming a Catholic, then have them sign-up for the RCIA class. If you have a child who needs to be Confirmed, please take and fill out the form for Confirmation.

**THANK YOU!** Keep exploring and trying out our new Online software. We appreciate your support and feedback.

**OUR NEW GIVING PROGRAM:** We have converted to a new Giving program. We hope it will give everyone an easy and convenient way to make their donations to the Parish, to all of our ministries, and to our out-reach programs. To access the program, you have several options.

- 1. Go to the Online Giving link on our webpage.
- 2. Text to 877-490-5166 and type "give" as your message.
- 3. Scan the QR Code and open in your browser.
- 4. Or, Use the envelopes that are in the pews the 18 people who currently use the mailed envelopes will continue to receive them.

Please contact Doris in the office if you have any question:



### **REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI**

One of the paradoxes of the human situation seems to be that the more we develop our control over the world and the more good we are capable of producing, the more the possibilities for evil also proliferate: A radical flaw in the fallen human condition.

This ambiguity was hinted at in the Genesis text when it says: "He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Human achievements are so often flawed; we can build our towers to the heavens but they become a Babel of confusion and races. What hope is there then for us?

The Gospel provides a way forward. What was hinted at in Genesis came to its full revelation in the ministry of Jesus, who worked to fully overcome the power and influence of evil. What he revealed in action was God's power restoring creation — healing women and men and making them whole again. From here on our humankind is no longer left on its own in a hopeless struggle against evil. It is now possible for us to share in the new creation, if we belong to Christ.

Still, there is nothing overwhelming about the presence of God in Jesus, as we can see from the cynical reaction of the scribes to him. Conceit, the desire to make oneself the judge of all that is good, motivates them to see in Jesus not the visible power of the Spirit of God, but a trick of the devil. What seemed to be good they could not deny but only reinterpret, in order to hold on to their own fixed position. Such a closed mentality merits the censure of Jesus; he reminds us that we must be ready to see God's goodness in unexpected places.

Our road back to the new creation involves true openness and humility. It is a journey that does not involve positions of guaranteed privilege. Even the blood relatives of Jesus have no special standing in the kingdom. To belong to Jesus is equally open to all; the only condition is our readiness to commit oneself to doing the Father's will. This was the commitment that Adam and Eve failed to make but which is opened up to us in Christ.

# THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS!

Margaret Ecklund was the winner of the quilt.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our fundraiser.



#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection Needy Maintenance/Building Votive Flowers Hospitality Gift Donation \$2,237.00 \$53.00 \$388.00 \$2.00 \$25.00 \$7.00 \$0.00