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St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church

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July 13-14, 2024

The 15th 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

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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	July 13
Mass 5:00 pm	+ Paulina Lemus Romero
Sunday	July 14
Mass 8:30 am	Cari Ventura
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday School	10:30 am
Monday	July 15
Mass 9:30 am	Mary Ventura
Tuesday	July 16
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	July 17
Mass 9:30 am	Delores Morris and Melode Ditten
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	July 18
Mass 9:30 am	Helen Utter and Mary Utter
Adoration following Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10am	
Friday	July 19
Mass 9:30 am	Beth Defalco

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Gregory Molley, 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, 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 Harold Stern, 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 Bruce Broswick, Michael Rice, Denise Steel, Mikey Rice, and Giada Gonzalez.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS is taking place in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 17 through the 21st. The Church faces a crisis of faith, with belief in the Real Presence at an all-time low. Discover how you can get involved in restoring hope and foundational beliefs. Go to Eucharisticcongress.org for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND PROGRAM Our Sunday School Program is every Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. The children are dismissed before the Readings, and return in time for the celebration of the Eucharist. We are 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!

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.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A DEACON? The Lord continues to bless Western Oregon with men who are ready to give everything to Him and serve His people. Are you called to the Diaconate or do you know men who could serve the Church as deacons? Come to the Diaconate Inquiry Session on August 24th and learn more about this sacred ministry! For more information call Deacon Brian Diehm at 503-233-8337 or 503-720-7416 (cell)

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS; If you have a question you would like to ask or a comment you would like to make about St. Mary by the Sea Parish, we have a box hanging on the wall in the vestibule with sheets for you to write your questions or thoughts. There is also a separate box for you to leave your completed questionnaire. We will respond to all questions and information provided. Thank you for being a part of our Parish family.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$2,860.00
Needy	\$100.00
Maintenance/Building	\$70.00
Votive	\$2.00
Flowers	\$45.00
Hospitality	\$4.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$870.75
Peter's Pence	\$20.00

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REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The warnings of the prophet Amos, in the first reading, were at a time in the history of the Northern Kingdom when there was a superabundance of court prophets. They were kept and paid for by the king, and their task was to put before the people, as being the will of God, what really were the secret ambitions and policies of the king himself. Amos refused to be one of these professional prophets, and in turn they banded to cancel him and told him to go home to his own countrymen in the Southern Kingdom of Judah. "Go away," they said, "we want no more of your style of prophesying.

He tried to get them to change, especially in the area of social justice. Amos noticed that while, outwardly, Israel seemed thriving and healthy, inwardly, it was stricken with a malignant cancer. There would be no more special privileges for Israel, but only disaster. He delivered this warning from God, "Behold the eyes of the Lord God are upon this sinful kingdom, and I will wipe it off the face of the earth." God scorned those who tried to bribe him by burning incense in the shrine at Bethel one day in the week, while on the other six days defrauding the poverty-stricken of the nation.

Despite the warnings, Amos' words fell on deaf ears. Much of his message could be applied to our own age, for he criticized the inequalities amongst the people of that era of so much prosperity, the luxurious dwellings and life-style of the wealthy, their selfish and greedy exploitation of the poor, their lack of concern for justice in the community, the way in which the courts were used to evade the law and perpetuate abuses. These people displayed all the outward trappings of religion, but in their hearts, there was no place for God.

We see all this re-enacted in the person of Christ and his warnings also. But in Christ's time it was not wealth which was the obstacle, but rather a narrow-minded elitism which within a generation later led to the final destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple itself. In the light of this we might try and see what is the predominant failing of our own lives, our own society. Is it the greed which confronted the prophet Amos so long ago? Today we see how people become frightened, shattered, lost, all because of the way society is organized, because of their disenchantment with declining standards of behavior.

TAKEAWAYS

1: We, too, have a witnessing mission: We are called to be witnessing disciples and evangelizing apostles. As witnessing disciples, we need to follow, imitate, reflect, and radiate Jesus. As apostles, we need to evangelize the world by sharing with others our experience of God and His Son, Jesus, by proclaiming Jesus' Gospel and promised salvation through our transparent Christian lives and words, radiating the love, mercy, forgiveness, spirit of humble service and concern of Jesus to the people around us.

2) We also have the liberating mission of helping to free people from the demons of nicotine, alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, hatred, jealousy, racial prejudice, and consumerism. We need the help of Jesus to liberate everyone from these things.