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**St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church**

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**July 6-7, 2024**

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**PASTOR:**

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ  
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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**

<b>First Saturday</b>	<b>July 6</b>
Mass 8:30 am	+ Dorothy Hooper
Mass 5:00 pm	+ Saul Sanchez Leon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 7</b>
Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am	+ Polly Klingensmith
Sunday School	10:30 am
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 8</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Anne Seeger
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 9</b>
No Mass and the Office is closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 10</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Elizabeth Otters
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 11</b>
Mass 9:30 am	+ Therese Monaghan
Adoration following Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring 10am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 12</b>
Mass 9:30 am	Daniel Levenick

**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 Leslie Lara Perez, Neymar Hernandez, and Ethan Motsinger,

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## 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 also need someone who can play the keyboard during Mass.

**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!

**GARDEN HELP:** We are still looking for those who like to work in the garden. You would be signing up to spend one day during a week this summer to do the watering and weed pulling. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule.

**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)

**SAINT ALOYSIUS:** The July Newsletter for St. Aloysius is in the vestibule. There are 420 students at the school. We are providing Full Scholarships for 64 of them and Half scholarships for 148 of them. Thank you for all your support.

**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.

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

### "Making Change Possible"

Each of today's readings raises serious issues for the person who wishes to follow Jesus along the way.

Ezekiel says that the Spirit of God "set him on his feet." This means that without the Holy Spirit, or without the energy that is God's gracious gift, inner transformation is not possible.

Sometimes our human experience is that, it is easier to do nothing than to do something, it is easier to be negative than positive, easier to be destructive than creative, and that we are made of these contradictory tendencies. That is why some People often have been stiff-necked, or stubborn and rebellious, even cynical—because free-wheeling refusal to be responsible takes little effort and less understanding. To live the covenant, however, demands awareness; it calls for a commitment to be conscious of grace and of the practical implications of grace that needs to find expression in real, practical, reconciling, forgiving, growth-oriented patterns of life and relationship.

Today's gospel suggests we need to control any tendency to judge others, take hurt and offence from them, reject them, and make them scapegoats of our own unrecognized aversions and resentments. We need to become more aware of how we spread negativity at home, among our friends at work—or wherever—lest we become like Pharisees or Herodians, or those of Jesus' own people who so readily rejected him. We need to realize how easy it is to confuse reality with our own ingrained prejudices and preferred viewpoints. We need to see that every story has another side, every person has his or her own reasons for what they do.

With St. Paul I need to acknowledge my own "thorn," my own complex, shadow, inferior function, potential for neurotic behavior; call it what you will, each of us has it! If I really want to be a disciple, I need to learn to rebuild the center of my existence on God's terms lest I scatter myself and lose myself because I have no ground of coherent meaning on which to base my relationship with reality. This is spirituality, this is what psychology so often discovers we need. May we remember God's grace, may we remember that it precedes us along the way, may we allow it to set us on our feet and make us courageous. May we permit this God's grace to energize us for the next few steps on the perilous, wonderful, bright, dark journey to abundant life.

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