



Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Brookings / St. Charles Borromeo Mission Gold Beach, Oregon

January 28+ Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time -Year B

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Mary Mother of God, Pray for us

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: English 4:30 pm

Saturday Vigil: Spanish 6:30 pm

Sunday English: 8:30 am

Tuesday 5:15 pm

Wednesday & Friday: 10:00 am

First Saturday Mass: 9:00 am

Rosary Is held -30 minutes before Masses

Confession

Saturday: 3:30 pm-4:15 pm Or by appointment

Calendar

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

Holy Day: 10:00 am

First Friday Parish Adoration day:

Adoration: 4:00 pm

Mass: 6:00 pm

From the Pastor's Corner:-Fr. Justus Alaeto

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well and is filled with hope and prayers for a blessed New Year for our parish and families. I want to share some updates regarding our upcoming events and plans for **2024**.

First, I am happy to inform you that our new sound system will be installed before mid-February. I contacted the supplier, and they assured me that the installation would take place in about two and a half weeks from now. Due to some weather issues and the arrival of a missing piece of equipment, we had to wait a little longer. But I believe it will be a solid system with God's help.



Secondly, I want to remind everyone that the Lenten season for this year, 2024, starts with Ash Wednesday on **February 14th, 2024**, and will end on March 24th, 2024. To prepare ourselves for Lent, there will be a Lenten retreat for Star of the Sea and Gold Beach on Tuesday, **February 13th, 2024**.

The theme of this retreat is "**Preparing ourselves for Lent,**" On Tuesday, February 13, 2024

The program will include a **30-minute** talk about the invitation to follow Christ during the Lenten Season, followed by **Adoration for 25 minutes, and then Holy Mass.**

The retreat will take place at **Gold Beach** at 11:00 am and will conclude with Mass at 12:10 pm. The retreat will also take place at **Star of the Sea Brookings** at **4:30 pm** and **conclude with Mass at 5:30 pm**. The parish Office will be closed on that day to enable us to prepare spiritually.

We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during the Lenten season. In Brookings, the Stations of the Cross will start at **4:35 pm in English**, followed by soup in the hall, and another station at **5:30 pm in Spanish**. In Gold Beach, the Stations of the Cross will start at **12:10 AM in English**.

Regarding the Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter program, the dates are as follows:

Palm Sunday will be on the 23rd (Saturday Vigil) and March 25th (Sunday), 2024

Holy Week starts from the week after Palm Sunday weekend.

Holy/ Maundy Thursday will be on March 28th, 2024.

Good Friday will be on March 29th, 2024.

Easter Vigil will be on **March 30th, 2024**, and it will be celebrated both in Brookings and Gold Beach.

Easter Sunday will be on **March 31st, 2024**.

Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7th, 2024. Timing will be announced soon for the Holy Week and Easter Schedule.

Urgent prayer is needed for “Juniper.”

Please keep one of our youth, Juniper from Gold Beach, in your thoughts and prayers. She was admitted to the hospital a few days ago for a serious injury. According to her mother Renee, she is recovering but needs more prayers. Juniper and her family attend Mass regularly and she received her first Holy Communion about two years ago. Your prayers for Juniper and her family are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all those who supported and appreciated **Sister Fidel's** time and good work while she was with us. Sister is thankful and will be missed by the parishioners. She will be leaving for her school this week. Please join me in wishing Sister the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Welcoming Sister Christabel Echemazu, SJS

I am pleased to announce that **Sister Christabel Echemazu, SJS**, will join our parish office as a “**Pastoral Assistant,**” to the **parish office**. She is excited to be a part of our community and eager to learn about our parish and serve in all areas of pastoral ministry and evangelization. Sister has served in various roles in her religious order, including school administration, regional superior, and other administrative duties.

She will coordinate faith formation and most of its related duties. Therefore, all faith formation and ministry calls should be directed to her office.

Sister Christabel will officially resume work on **Friday, February 2, 2024**.

As we get to know her, we will discover her unique gifts and contributions to our parish while she learns about us. Please join me in welcoming her and giving her time to settle in and serve well.

God's Blessings Upon you!

Fr. Justus Alaeto

Pastor



Jesus I love You

All I have is Yours

Yours I am, Your I want to be

Do with me whatever You will

Preparing going deeper, interiorly with Jesus, in the upcoming Lenten Season of 2024, for Transformation

My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, I feel like getting this reflection we had some years ago across to you, in preparation for the upcoming Lenten season of 2024. It is important to go back and ask about personal encounter with Jesus Christ. How was your life before the start of this year Lenten season, and what do you intend for your life, on 2024 Lenten season? What good is happening in your life so far, or what spiritual challenges are you currently facing in your life? What has God been saying to you, and have you thought about responding positively to Him as a way of returning with all your heart as Prophet Joel would summon everyone at the beginning of each Lent? There is still time to return to the Lord, with all your heart and start living a meaningful and fulfilling life in Jesus Christ, with the help, and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I feel the article below will help keep us moving, as we keep opening our hearts for transformation:

“At the beginning of Lent, the priest lays the ashes on those who go to Mass. This rite of ashes laid on the head or on the forehead of the faithful has a triple meaning. The first recalls the fragility and weakness of man who was molded by soil dust. The second indicates that the ashes on the forehead or on the head of a Christian are the external sign of those who repent of their evil acts and decide to make a renewed journey towards the Lord.

The third indicates that our being is the result of a burning Encounter. Christian is the one who, after having gone through the burning fire of the Savior’s Love, is ash but ash that purifies and fertilizes the world, ash that emanates the warmth of the Creator.

Lent, therefore, is not only sorrow for our sins and ascetic effort to sharpen the possibilities of the soul, but it is a renewed discovery that “we have freely received and freely we give”.

“Lent in a unique way helps us to understand that our life is redeemed in Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus renews our life and makes us sharers in the divine life that introduces us to the intimacy of God and makes us experience his love for us “(St. John Paul II).

Lent is a way that leads to a safe destination: the Easter of Resurrection, Christ’s victory over death.

Lent it is also *“a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God “with all their hearts” (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive “(Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2017)*

1) From mercy to mercy

It is important to remember that the perfection of being Christian is not accomplished if we say

Masses for the Week



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Sunday January 28, Sr. Fidel Ike is praying for God's blessings on **Fr. Justus** & all **Star of the Sea Parishioners**

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Tuesday January 30, Anonymous is thanking God for His blessings on her

Wednesday January 31, NO MASS

Saturday February 3, for the peaceful repose of **Phyllis Schlegel**

Sunday February 4 , for the peaceful repose of **James Evans**

Tuesday February 6, NO MASS

Wednesday February 7, for God's abundant blessings on **Fr. Justus Alaeto**

Friday February 9, for the private intentions of **Fr. Justus Alaeto**

Saturday February 10, for the peaceful repose of the deceased members of **Dias Family**

Please we keep in our prayers:

Abigail Plourde Wilson

Carol Mallard

Maurine Boyle

Nancy Evenhus

Lee & Patricia

Ron Lewis

Bony & Family

Ruth Cavalier

Ron Yass



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WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL AND TOTAL AMOUNT REALIZED EACH WEEK.

Star of the Sea Parish, Brookings—Weekly Goal: \$ 4,800

Realized amount for — 1/7/2024— weekend: \$3,466.00

1/14/2024— weekend: \$2, 082.64

1/21/2024— weekend: \$2,645.00

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Thank you

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“We left everything” but if we say to Christ “We left everything and followed You.” The Church teaches us to follow this statement making us, every year, go through Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Holy Week. In this way our hearts are purified, and the joy of Easter appears not to people blinded by the encrustations of sin but to people open to Him, our life, that we can see because “the pure in heart see God” (Mt 5,8).

The ancient Jews left the slavery of Egypt, and it took them forty years to get to the Promised Land. We -every year- move through the Lenten journey, so that victory over ourselves may consist in leaving the Egypt of our sin to live only in the love of Christ and for Christ. Aided by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, during Lent we have a special experience of the divine mercy that “cancels, washes and purify” (Ps 50,3-4) us sinners and transforms us into a new creature that has spirit, tongue, lips, and heart transfigured (Ps 50, 14-19). It is with a heart as pure as that of the children that at Easter we will be able to understand the Entrance Antiphon of Mercy Sunday: “Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation”.

2) Lent: time of mercy and conversion.

Lent is the special time of mercy that lasts forty days and that the Church asks of be lived as a spiritual journey of conversion to prepare for Easter. It consists basically in following Jesus heading straight for the Cross, the height of his mission of salvation and the key that opens to the Resurrection.

Lent is mercy received and shared not only because we do the recommended works for this period, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, but because with these works, we ground ourselves in God converting to him with a contrite heart and a humbled body. In fact, if it is true that it is man’s stony heart that wants evil, it is equally true that the body often helps to commit it. On the other hand, we human beings are made of one and the other, and need to unify them in the homage we render to God. The body will have either the joys of eternity or the torments of hell. Therefore, there is no full Christian life nor valid atonement if the body does not bind to the soul.

Moreover, it must be remembered that the principle of true repentance resides in the heart. The Gospel teaches this with the narrations of the prodigal son, the woman sinner, Zacchaeus, the publican, and St. Peter. It is necessary for the heart to abandon sin forever, to have a very deep sorrow for it, to hate it, and to flee the occasions to sin. To indicate this provision of the heart the Bible uses a word that has entered Christian language and that describes very well the state of the person sincerely repented: *Conversion*. During Lent, we are invited to exercise repentance of the heart and regard it as the essential foundation of all the characteristic acts of this holy season. However, it would always be an illusory conversion if it would not add the homage of the body to the internal feelings that conversion inspires. The Savior, on the

on the mountain, does not only weep over our sins: He atones for them with the suffering of his own body. The Church, His infallible interpreter, warns us that the repentance of our hearts will not be accepted if it is not united to the observance of fast and abstinence

.3) Lent pilgrimage toward and with Christ, source of mercy.

Lent is a privileged time by which the Church leads us towards Him who is the source of mercy. It is a pilgrimage in which He Himself accompanies us through the desert of our poverty, sustaining us along the journey to the great joy of Easter. This journey is not without tests, and it is for this reason that on the First Sunday of Easter the liturgy makes us meditate on the temptations faced by Christ in the desert.

Like Moses and the people of Israel, also Jesus spent some time in the desert to prove his loyalty and to give a solid foundation to his actions. However, while the people of Israel in the desert could not resist fatigue and temptation and failed to be faithful to God, Jesus triumphs over the *three temptations: that of bread* (How to speak of God to those who have plenty? How to talk of God to those who are hungry?), *that of prestige* (prestige of science, of money, of irreproachable moral conduct, of good impression, of name and of honor), and *that of power* (where two people meet, a relationship of power arises). These are tests masked with a promise that wants to remove the Son from the Father. Three times the devil says to Jesus, "If you are the son of God, make ..." and three times He replies: "My Father." Faithful to the

to the love for the Father, Christ resists the three forms of the same temptation: the one of a life constructed independently, that of the first Adam ("You will be like God, knowing good and evil ...") and of a life of confidence and of obedience to God, that of the second Adam. Jesus says: "Thou shalt worship the Lord and worship Him alone", and at Gethsemane He will say: "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk 22:42)."

Above all my sisters and brothers in Christ, like we heard on the homily of the temptation of Jesus Christ, Jesus was very successful in resisting the temptation and lure of the devil, not because He is God primarily, but because he dedicated all He desired to the will of the Father, without any reservation. This is a time, to listen to the Lord more about your life, and keep listening to Him every day, with the help of His Grace, for transformation and blessings to your life. What matters is taking the brave step spiritually, to return to the Lord. In doing that, the Lord's Mercy will surround you, and not minding your past. According to St. Faustina of Divine Mercy: "Even if our sins were as black as the night, divine mercy is stronger than our misery. Only one thing is needed: that sin opens at least a little bit the door of your heart ... God will do the rest ... Everything starts in the mercy of God and in His mercy ends."

Wishing us fruitful Lenten Season of **2024!**

Fr. Justus Alaeto
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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass:

Thursday: 4:30 pm

Rosary before Mass 4:00 pm

Confession: Thursdays, 4:00 pm or by appointment

Weekend Mass

Sunday Mass 11:00 am

Rosary before Mass 10:25 am

Holy Day of Obligation: Mass: 12:10 pm



WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL AND TOTAL AMOUNT REALIZED EACH WEEK.

St. Charles Mission , Gold Beach—Weekly Goal: \$ 1, 800

Realized amount for —1/7/2024—— weekend: \$1,060. 81

1/14/2024——weekend: \$1,084.50

1/21/2024——weekend: \$1,078.00

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