

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (21ABC)**  
**SECOND READING: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38**  
**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17 (21A)**



**FATHER KEN'S KORNER**

The Sacred Nature of Time: From *Chronos* to *Kairos*

As we enter into the New Year of 2014 our minds often turn to New Year's Resolutions; problems we want to address, challenges we want to overcome, new skills or experiences we wish to acquire, etc. All of these things are well and good and, hopefully, we are always striving to improve ourselves. But while we are about this worthy task of planning for the best practical use of our time let us also remember that there is a sacred nature to time as well. These two aspects of time (the worldly and the sacred) can best be captured by two well known Greek words: *Chronos* and *Kairos*. *Chronos* refers to the sequential time that is measured by your calendar or clock. *Kairos* refers to an opportune time when something special happens. This meaning varies somewhat according to who is using the word but, for a person of faith, the word is best defined as God's time or sacred time. It is to *Kairos* that we refer when we describe Jesus' birth as taking place "in the fullness of time" (Gal 4:4). It is to *Kairos* that we refer when we say that Christ is the Alpha and the Omega...the beginning and end of all things...the Lord of all time. When we devote time to prayer and worship or to the service of others because of our faith, we are using time in an opportune and sacred way. We are experiencing *Kairos*. Part of our goal in bringing in the New Year with the celebration of the Mass is that we formally invite God to bless and transform our time on earth so that what we do in time does not simply pass by in a *Chronos*-type way but that we make its use sacred, thereby taking those moments out of time and making them eternal by storing up our treasures in Heaven.

When we think of the task of the Christian disciple to constantly try to make Christ present in the here and now (in time and space), the precious, unrepeatable nature of time should be especially at the forefront of our minds. It is challenging enough to proclaim Christ (in space) at home and at work...in Southern Oregon...in our parish and mission but that task, by itself, comes with multiple opportunities throughout our lives. When we add the sense of time, though, we are struck by an immediate urgency in responding to God's grace. When we remain silent in a time when we should have spoken up or refrain from acting when

we should have lent a hand, the best we can say is that we will learn from our mistake and become determined to act differently the next time a similar opportunity presents itself. But that particular opportunity is gone forever. We can't go back to yesterday if we have missed an opportunity or chosen to use our time in a more selfish way. And tomorrow may not be there for us if death comes like a thief in the night. What we have is the ever present now. If we don't act in the moment, a need is simply not addressed or it is addressed in a different way by someone else. We have missed the opportunity to put our own unique stamp on it or to store up our treasure in Heaven. If we look at this reality in its most positive sense and live each day as if it were our last we are left with a beautiful and dynamic outlook on life.

To help create *Kairos* in our lives, the Church has always recommended daily prayer and frequent reception of the Eucharist and the other sacraments. But it has also offered us the Liturgy of the Hours. The word Liturgy means "common work of the people" and within our faith there are only three liturgies: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass and Liturgy of the Hours. This last prescribes that prayer be offered up at seven distinct times of the day: morning, mid-morning, mid-day, mid-afternoon, evening, night and office of reading (to be inserted anywhere throughout the day). This idea of the righteous praying seven times a day likely draws its inspiration from Proverbs 24:16 where we are told even the righteous man sins seven times a day. The efforts at prayer essentially act to atone for those sins and also to sanctify time by calling God to mind throughout the day. The more we develop the habit of recalling God and thinking holy thoughts systematically through the day, the less likely we will waste our time on things that will simply pass away. Religious brothers and sister in our Church, lay people associated with various religious movements and clergy in our Church are asked to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. And in those efforts globally we can truly say that from the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is praised 24/7! My prayer is that, in 2014, you will all make efforts to tithe of your time and make efforts to claim some of your precious time in the New Year for the Lord. God bless you all in 2014!



Father Michael Jeeva Antony is hailing from the Southern part of India. He felt the call of God to priesthood when he completed his high school education, and joined the seminary to discern his call. After spending ten years of formation to the priesthood he was ordained a priest on the 22nd of May 1999 at his home parish. He served as a member of his order named 'The Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier, Pilar-Goa, India'. He served as parochial Vicar in the Diocese of Portland and as Pastor in the Islands of Andaman & Nicobar, India. He also served as a formative for the young seminarians of his order for seven years. He then assisted in the care of the Orphans in Goa, India for two years. Father Michael served the archdiocese for a year as parochial Vicar for St. Peter and St. Mark parishes in Eugene, Oregon. We welcome Father Michael to Sacred Heart parish and wish him all the best in his ministry.

**SPECIAL PASTOR’S NOTE OF THANKS**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who sent cards and gifts to Fr. Arturo, seminarian Norman and myself over the Christmas season! Even more, I thank you for the prayers, Masses and other devotional acts of love that you offered up for us! Also, for those who lent their support over my first six months here, it did not go unnoticed. Being a pastor is no easy task and your support made the burden a little lighter and the labor a little sweeter. May God bless you and your loved ones in 2014! And thanks be to God for the latest arrivals of Fr. David Janes and Fr. Michael Jeeva! Their help is greatly needed and appreciated!



*THE 32ND ANNUAL*  
**CATHOLIC MEN’S RETREAT**

“Open Mind, Faithful Heart”

Spiritual reflections inspired by Pope Francis  
ST. RITA RETREAT CENTER  
GOLD HILL, OREGON  
JANUARY 24-26, 2014

We are privileged to have Fr. Ken Sampson, pastor of Sacred Heart, as our presenter. Fr. Ken has a particular passion for teaching the faith and has stated that teaching is something that energizes him. Early registration is \$110 and after Jan. 20 it is \$120. Day attendance is \$75. For information call Don at 541-531-2929 or e-mail at [zimmmdj@msn.com](mailto:zimmmdj@msn.com).

**LITURGY CORNER**

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It’s a good time to pause and think about one’s own baptism and how one is living it out, perhaps by considering the following from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*: “By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ. We share in the priesthood of Christ as well as his prophetic and royal mission. We enjoy the community we find in the Church, share our talents and gifts with its members, respond willingly to its teachings and requirements, and assume the responsibilities that our membership implies.”

“I became a Eucharistic Minister and Lector back in college so that I could become more involved with the Mass. It gives me a wonderful sense of doing what I can to help others have a good Mass experience. I would also encourage others to serve in either of these ministries because it is a great way to give something back to the church community and to get to know others as well. I know more people at Sacred Heart because of my serving than I could ever hope to know if I wasn’t doing either. There are some amazing people at Sacred Heart and I feel very blessed to know them.” – Preston Martin

Volunteering in the parish not only builds up the parish community, but increases one’s enjoyment of the parish community, as Preston described. Please join the team; you’ll be glad you did. To schedule Lector or Eucharistic Minister training, please call or e-mail [abrophy@shcs.org](mailto:abrophy@shcs.org). Thank you, and a Happy New Year!  
Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Happy and Holy New Year to you and your family! As you look back over the past year and look ahead to the new year, remember all the family traditions that make certain days especially memorable for your family. Family traditions are very important. Begin this year with a new tradition: Blessing The Year. On the table where you share most of your family meals, place all the 2014 calendars that you will use on a regular basis (don't forget your electronic calendars). Invite everyone to bless each calendar (and electronic devices). You can do this by having each person draw a cross on the print calendars with a marker (and using his or her thumb to trace the sign of the cross on electronic devices). Then as a family, joyfully process throughout the home and put the new calendars in place. Have fun! I wish you great joy in the new year. May you greet each day with praise for God and all his creation.

*On January 8th our Sacrament Preparation children made their First Reconciliation so our thoughts and prayers go with those special children. It is our fervent hope that this will be the first of many opportunities for each child to partake in this Sacrament so that we can all become "the Best Version of Ourselves" and "Do God's Will".*

**Costumes...** If you borrowed one of the costumes for the Family Mass please return those to me or to the front desk at the Parish Office. There is a big demand for these costumes at every Nativity Mass so please help me to recycle these for use in 2014.

**Religious Education Classes** are open to any child from Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade every Sunday at 9:50 -- 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart School. For further information or questions contact Mary Stallard 541-779-4661 ext: 107



## MAGDALENE HOME AUCTION

Time to buy your tickets to the 2014 Magdalene Home - a yearly sell out event! Ticket includes a lavish buffet with delicious artisan desserts by Rosario's, plus hosted wine and beer - PLUS bidding rights to *thousands* of dollars worth of amazing auctions items! Tables are filling up fast, so call and reserve your seat now!

Saturday, February 8, 2014

5:00 p.m. - hors d'oeuvres, champagne, raffles, and silent auction viewing (*raffle tickets sell out fast, so arrive early!*)

6:00 p.m. - dinner, followed by the auction

Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall

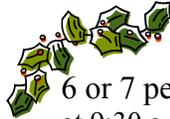
Tickets: \$40/person

Call to reserve: Dave Paradis: 541-772-7123 or Kathy Zoll: 541-773-9683



## YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

All young adults, ages 18-40, are invited to this year's annual diocesan retreat, January 24-26 in Canby, Oregon! Our theme is 'Spiritual Living in a Secular World', based on Henri J. M. Nouwens book, "Life of the Beloved". Register online on the archdiocesan website under the youth and young adult ministry tab. Join the St. Anne's young adult group for one huge, giant car pool! Enjoy a free ride to Canby and meet other amazing young people from Southern Oregon. Please contact Natalie Scott, the young adult coordinator at St. Anne's Catholic Church, for information about the car-pool. We hope to hear from you soon!



## HELP WANTED

6 or 7 people are needed on Monday, January 13th at 9:30 a.m. to help **take down** all the **Christmas decorations** and pack them away. Call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292 if you can help. Thank you.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week we will take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese and support local needs, so please be generous. CCC equips us to share our experience of faith, worship, and witness with the world.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick of our parish especially: John Schmidt, Patti Wittenbrock, Theresa Kozlusky, Linda Blixt, John Kuchler, William Carhart, Joan Bain, Rachel Scott, Jim Carrigan, Barney Deffley, Patti Otto, Jennifer White, Jeff Leroy, Alice Blenkush, Nanette Hall, Vickie Harris, Marie Casilio, Brian Chachere, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell, Marge Kearney, Dick & Beverly Handley.

**Please pray for the deceased of our parish, especially:** +Margaret Edwards, +Jacqueline Bennington, +Margaret Welk and +Dwayne Lowenberg.

## 7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Jan. 13: +Marion Owens

T. Jan. 14: Starr Davis

W. Jan. 15: Norman Apo

Th. Jan. 16: The Janes Family

Fri. Jan. 17: +Marion Owens

## 8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Jan. 13: Sacred Heart Parishioners

T. Jan. 14: +Tom Facht

W. Jan. 15: +Wilson Edinger

Th. Jan. 16: Rose Davis

Fr. Jan. 17: Gracie Wall

Sat. Jan. 18: DeWayne Daniels

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JACKSON COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

## STAND FOR LIFE



### Roe v. Wade 41st Anniversary

Commemorating our nation's loss...

... examining the way forward, because **THEY** are worth fighting for!

Sunday, January 19, 2014

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

On the east steps of the Jackson County Justice Building  
100 S. Oakdale, Medford, Oregon

We thank you for attending this important rally and demonstrating your support for pro-life efforts in the Valley. Your presence here is a great encouragement for all of us and a testimony to the strength and commitment of the pro-life movement, as we come together on this important day in communities all across the United States. If you feel called to work in the pro-life effort in Jackson County, we encourage you to consider helping us with one of our many projects! Our chapter meets the 2nd Monday of every month, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room at First Baptist Church, 649 Crater Lake Ave., in Medford.

We can be reached at 541-494-1545, or [info@JacksonCountyProLife.org](mailto:info@JacksonCountyProLife.org)

### Stand for LIFE

When we **Stand for LIFE** ... the life of an unborn infant ... we affirm the God-given right of that infant to live, no matter the circumstances of his or her conception, and no matter his or her medical condition.

When we **Stand for LIFE** ... the life of mothers ... we affirm the dignity and importance of motherhood. We also affirm the importance of encouraging mothers-to-be to value the lives of their babies AND to value their own lives. Abortion not only kills babies, but damages the mental health of girls and women and increases their later risk of developing breast cancer.

When we **Stand for LIFE** ... the life of fathers ... we affirm the dignity and importance of fatherhood. We also affirm the importance of each father encouraging the mother to give life to their baby. Abortion kills babies, damages mothers, and also damages fathers who later come to regret their complicity in an abortion, or learn too late that they lost their child forever to abortion.

When we **Stand for LIFE** ... the life of families ... we affirm the social unit designed by God for the highest good of healthy babies, healthy children, healthy parents, healthy families, and a healthy society.

When we **Stand for LIFE** ... the lives of the aged ... we affirm the dignity and value of our senior citizens. We affirm their right to live out their lives without the threat of euthanasia. We encourage our senior citizens to be active in the Stand for Life.

The **Stand for LIFE** extends from conception to natural death. Won't you join us?

**Mama Mia!  
Spaghetti Dinner Time!**

**Saturday, January 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
in the Parish Hall**

**Join in! Fun, Food & Friends  
Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, desert,  
lemonade, and coffee**

**Only \$8.00 each  
Or \$25.00 for family**



**Beer and Wine extra**

**50-50 Raffle**

**Tickets on sale after all Masses January 11 & 12**

**JANUARY COFFEE AND DONUTS**

Come enjoy some nice hot coffee, good conversation and out of this world donuts after the 7:00 and 8:30 Masses to be hosted by:

**12th -- 7:00 am:** Dean Federhart & Stan Zwan  
8:30 am: TBA

**26th -- 7:00 am and 8:30 am:** Sacred Heart School



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEEF RAFFLE/ DRAWING**

The tickets were drawn by Santa Claus during the Knights of Columbus Christmas party Dec. 2. Ticket #1: 1204 was won by Kevin Meenaghan, Anacortes, WA. On learning of his win Kevin and wife, Beth, donated their quarter to St. Vincent de Paul.

Ticket #2: 1405 was won by St. Vincent de Paul, Medford so St. Vincent de Paul did well with 1/2 a beef.

We thank the generosity of donors.

Verified by Curt Swift and Don Zimmerer



**SAVE THE DATE**

Sewers and quilters are invited to our first meeting of the year on Monday, January 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More details coming.



**ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS**

Wishing all a Happy New Year and prayers for a year of good health and happiness. We wish to thank all those who helped with the Christmas Caroling and the sales of Sees Candy, and those members who made the Christmas Luncheon/Party a success.

**MEETING!** Monday, January 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the Hall. On the menu will be soup and salad. Please bring a salad or dessert to share and also bring your own place setting.

**SPEAKER!** Father Arturo will be the speaker. Looking forward to a good turn out.

**PILGRIMAGE NEWS**

**Registration/Informational Meeting**

**Saturday, January 25 at 4:30 p.m.**

Plan now to travel with Father Ken on the Sacred Heart Pilgrimage to Portugal and France. We will be staying in convents and monasteries as we visit amazing cathedrals and holy sites in October 2014. We will visit the tomb of St James the Apostle, process with other pilgrims in Lourdes, and tour the incredible cathedrals in and around Paris, and of course have daily Mass. For information, please call Beckie (541-601-4457) or Lillian (541-779-2139) or email us at: [bkantor@hotmail.com](mailto:bkantor@hotmail.com)



**Financial Report**

	2013	2012
Year to Date	\$479,382.82	\$504,363.28
Needed for Budget	\$469,437.53	\$471,226.41
Over Budget	\$9,945.29	\$33,136.87
Christmas	\$15,522.11	\$15,788.89

We ended the calendar year slightly above our budgeted revenue. Thank you to all who contribute to the support of the parish.

**JANUARY'S JEWEL**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

The Baptism of the Lord commemorates the final Feast of the Christmas season, and marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. At John's baptism of Jesus, something marvelous happens: the Father reveals the divinity of Jesus. The Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." Of the significance to us of Jesus' baptism, St. Hilliary of Poitiers writes: "Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God." (CCC 535-537)

In the prayers of Mass today, we pray that we, like Jesus, may be "well pleasing" to our God and Father. In the Prayer after Communion, we pray that we may faithfully listen to the Son of God and become God's children "in name and truth." (Pastoral Liturgy, November-December 2013, pg. 28) It's a good day to think about our own baptism, what it means to us, and who we truly are.

## WELCOME HOME CATHOLICS

Are you or do you know someone who is away from the Church and Sacraments? Catholics who have been inactive for any amount of time are cordially invited to come back home to their Faith. Welcome Home Catholics is a six-week program of information and support using a video and discussion format designed specifically for people who have been away from the Church. It provides a totally open and non-committed environment to explore the path back to that peace only Christ can bring.

**Come and meet others who have journeyed far and returned home.**

### 2014 Session Schedule

<b>Tuesday, January 28:</b>	<i>Welcome! Memories of the Church</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 4:</b>	<i>Prayer, Mary and the Saints</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 11:</b>	<i>About the Sacrament of Confessions (in church)</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 18:</b>	<i>Sacrament of Marriage</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 25:</b>	<i>The Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday, March 4:</b>	<i>Living a Catholic life</i>

**Meetings will be held at 6:30 PM in the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 517 West 10<sup>th</sup>, Medford**

Welcome Home Catholics is a program of outreach and support for baptized Catholics who have been away from the Church and have a sincere desire to return to the practice of their Faith or who are considering returning and are seeking information and resources in their decision making process. For information call the Parish Office at 541-779-4661

**"Rejoice with me for I have found my lost sheep" Luke 15: 6**



Come, praise God for one hour in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Please call Dan and Sarah Rice at 541-582-3717 for information.



### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation begins Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please call the office to register.

"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them."

~~ St. Thomas Aquinas

