



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (68B)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

FROM FATHER JUSTUS ALAETO

**VOCATION WEEK
WITH OUR ARCHBISHOP
MOST REV. ALEXANDER K. SAMPLE**

Our first reading last Sunday was from the book of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:3B-10, 19). It was about the call of Samuel by the Lord. The call of Samuel, was a religious vocation. First of all, Samuel was serving and helping Eli's ministry in the Temple before he was called for a higher service and responsibility by the Lord. There is no doubt Samuel was faithful to his duty in the Temple, and enjoying his work for the Lord before He was called to a higher spiritual service.

The point however, is that Samuel's duty was interrupted (positively) by the Lord. Without knowing exactly who was calling him, nor what the call is all about, the steps Samuel took, as one who possesses fear of the Lord, was to seek spiritual advice from Eli. Just like in our own human life and experiences, often times, we do encounter interruptions in life, such as uncertainties about life or about our future. At other times, we may encounter interruptions from lack of a job, family struggles, sin, lack of spiritual focus; or other human worries and difficulties. Sometimes too, our lives are interrupted by something good towards a higher good or something challenging towards a higher good. But whatever the interruption is, any interruption of life whether comfortable or uncomfortable, is calling us for a spiritual audience with the Lord. Any interruption of life may be calling us to take a step towards spiritual guidance like Samuel received, from Eli. It may be asking us to take a step towards spiritual attentiveness for better understanding of what God requires of us, or what He does not want us to do. All circumstances of life, could be a spiritual turning point towards openness to God's will, and an authentic relationship with the Lord.

Last week, we had Father Jeff Ervin, the vocation director for the Archdiocese of Portland, in our parish, talking to us about vocations. On Wednesday this week (January 28th), our Chief Shepherd and Archbishop, Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample, will be with us for this year's Andrew dinner, here in Medford, at the Knight of Columbus Hall by 5:30pm. The Andrew dinner is an archdiocesan annual vocation event open for men who are discerning vocation to priesthood or religious life. The "future priest's men" will have an opportunity to interact with the Archbishop and learn from vocation stories of priests who will be present as well. The "Andrew dinner" could now be for us, "the Lord's voice" calling men who are discerning priesthood vocation, or feel they are called by the Lord but not really sure, to come and feel spiritual guidance, just as the young Samuel in the Scripture did through Eli. For those who may not feel they are called to priesthood or religious life, you could be God's instrument and encouragement to anyone you feel has a vocation to the priesthood, just as Eli was a great instrument for Samuel's vocation in the Old Testament. Through the help and encouragement from Eli, Samuel was confident, well disposed, and ready to answer the Lord. Eli was a great spiritual instrument to Samuel's religious vocation.

Above all, this period is a reminder that we are encouraged in life's circumstances to always listen to the Lord through prayer, through Mass, Sacraments, Scriptural readings, Spiritual readings, and spiritual guidance. Also, we can be a great instrument of God's love to anyone around us, especially to those who find it difficult to discern or pay attention to God's will in their lives!

**You are invited to come,
pray the rosary at
8:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday.**

**Or you are welcome to pray
the Divine Mercy Chaplet
after morning Mass.**

Pray before, after, or both!

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Because of your support, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through daily resources on the internet, television, and radio, and in print media. Half of your donations stay in our Archdiocese to support local needs. To learn more about the important work of this collection please visit, www.usccb.org (search Catholic Communication Campaign).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

St Vincent de Paul's Urban Rest Stop provides showers and laundry facilities for homeless men and women Monday - Friday mornings, with a different staff each day. Staff includes a male and female from a local parish plus 1 - 2 homeless volunteers. We currently need two male volunteers asap. The day of the week is negotiable. Call TC (541) 301-0025 or Lee (541) 601-5273 to discuss these positions or to visit to see if this fits your time and talents.

PATRICIANS

Join us Monday, January 26 (4th Monday) in the Parish Hall at 9:30. The topic will be Works of Mercy - come enter our discussion. Father Justus is our Spiritual Advisor.

LEGION OF MARY NEWS

Introducing the newly elected installed officers for the Legion of Mary.
President - Jane Horton
Vice President - Starr Davis
Secretary - Carolyn Bottroff
Treasurer - Debbie Peerenboom
The Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary, Father Justus Aleato blessed the officers for the future direction of this ministry. The Legion of Mary is helping the Parish to bring Jesus presence to the homebound. Last year we served 2700 Catholics. If you are Eucharistic minister already, please extend your call for the parishioners who are not able to come to church. They are looking forward to meeting you.



DID YOU KNOW that purchasing gift cards (scrip) after Mass on first Sundays of the month is an EASY, cost-free way you can help support our Sacred Heart School mission "to provide an excellent academic education grounded in Catholic religious principles and values, thereby creating a life-long love of learning and a respect for all people and all creation as gifts of God?"

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BIBLE STUDY with Father Ken

Genesis to Jesus:
A Survey of the New Testament with
Father Ken Sampson
Thursdays -- 1:30-2:30 or 7:00-8:00PM
In the Parish Hall Drop ins welcome!



PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: Joan Molatore, Kim George, Jean and Don Palese, Victor Eakin, Ramona Rosales, James Herndon, Beth Curl, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Joan Bain, Paul Zeleznik, Carmen Aitken, James Bright, Donna Becker, Lisa Young, Eileen Van Dyck, Pamela Demian, Marie Casilio, John Kuchler, Dick & Beverly Handley, Patti Wittenbrock, Jennifer White, and Shizuka McCue.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially: +Margarete Hennebeck, +Patricia Otto, +Richard Davidson and +Kathy Sedwick.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Jan. 26: +Lorraine Mussack
T. Jan. 27: +Steve Rayburn
W. Jan. 28: +George & +Gisele Farineau
Th. Jan. 29: +Alan Henning
F. Jan. 30: The Fazio Family

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Jan. 26: +Josephine Savarese
T. Jan. 27: +Edward & Lila Ford
W. Jan. 28: Bruce & Jill Sophie
Th. Jan. 29: +Janice Gnos
F. Jan. 30: +Margaret Kroll
S. Jan. 31: +Bill Eibner



RESERVE YOUR SEATS FOR THE

2015 Magdalene Home Angel Banquet!

**Saturday, February 7, 5:30 pm
Sacred Heart Parish Hall**

Tickets \$50/person

*Doors open 5pm with champagne,
hors d'oeuvres, raffles, and silent auction
6pm - full buffet dinner by Rosario's,
followed by live auction*

For reservations, leave name(s), phone #(s),
and address(es) of all guests with:
Dave Paradis (541) 772-7123 (weekdays)
or Connie Moyer (541) 773-8736
Reserve soon, as we have SOLD OUT
the past several years!

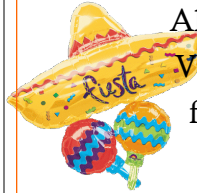
SAVE THE DATE!



The Knights of Columbus
and the Hospitality Committee will host a
Fiesta Dinner on Saturday, February 28!

Come and enjoy chicken enchiladas
with all the sides and flan for dessert!

Tickets go on sale in February
\$10 per each and \$30 per family



All proceeds benefit a
Video Sound System
for our Parish Hall

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

We will gather in the church Tuesday, February 3rd
for the Rosary followed by Mass. We will then meet
in the parish hall for fellowship and a light snack.
Bring a snack to share – coffee and tea are provided.
Our meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Deacon Jim
McVeigh, who will be assisting at some Masses
here at Sacred Heart, will be our guest speaker.
Remember to bring donations for our St Patrick's
Dinner baskets. All ladies in the parish welcome!

ST. PATRICK DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday March 14th

Mark your calendar and plan to join the fun.
The ladies are busy gathering items
for fantastic baskets.



The dinner benefits
Magdalene Home and St Vincent DePaul
We want to make this our best year ever!

UPDATE ON ALTAR SOCIETY
Please join us for our monthly meet-
ings—meet new people and help
support the needs of our altar.

The **Easter Monday Luncheon/**
fashion show was discussed. We
need items for baskets to raffle:
Bathroom, garden, kitchen, and
wine & cheese.

February 9th at 10:30 please
join us for meeting and lunch -
lasagna will be served. Please
bring a side dish. Thank you to
all who help on our projects.



**THE 33RD ANNUAL
CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT
"Saint Joseph"
Faithful Father and Husband
ST. RITA RETREAT CENTER
GOLD HILL, OREGON
Feb. 28 – March 1, 2015**

We are privileged to have Fr. Ken Sampson as our presenter. He is the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Medford OR. Fr. Ken has prior experience as a religious brother with the Discalced Carmelites, who have a principle charism of retreat work, spiritual direction and teaching the faithful how to deepen their prayer life.

EARLY REGISTRATION — \$110

REGISTRATION AFTER Feb. 23 or at the door is \$120. Make checks payable to St. Rita Retreat Center. Your registration includes two nights lodging and meals. Remember to bring your towels and soap. Send \$25 to hold your reservation. Mail to Don Zimmerer, 251 Autumn Ridge, Talent, OR, 97540. Cell 541-531-2929. Arrive and check in on Friday 4 to 6 pm. Dinner at 6:30. We will be finished by noon on Sunday. Commuter attendance w/meals is \$75.00. Saturday only is \$50.00 with meals.

Meeting God Where We Are

from the Spirituality Committee

This week we highlight a charity close to the hearts of parishioners.

The **Makena Children's Foundation (MCF)** offers love and academic opportunity to children growing up in rural Kenya. Since its founding in 1997, 52 children from the subsistence farming village of Maraigushu, near Naivasha, have pursued an education funded by generous American sponsors.

The residents of Maraigushu raise their families without the benefit of electricity or running water. They rely on their shambas (gardens) to feed their families. On average, the adults in Maraigushu have a third grade education.

Jobs are sometimes available at local commercial flower farms. These parents and grandparents walk for several hours to these farms to inquire if work is available. If the farm needs workers, a full day's labor provides wages in Kenya shillings the equivalent of \$1.50.

Our Makena Kids have lost one or both of their parents because of the AIDS epidemic, other diseases, accidents or abandonment. Sponsorship allows these children to attend excellent Kenyan-run private or public boarding schools near their village, without MCF these children would never have the opportunity to attend school.

MCF is a true American/Kenyan partnership. Our Kenyan management team, dedicated brothers Charles and Francis Karanja, who grew up in the village, share in decision-making and responsibility. We work together during an intense few weeks in spring when we travel to Kenya to be with the kids, and

communicate through email on an almost daily basis the rest of the year.

This project is a labor of love: no American working for the Foundation has ever taken a salary or stipend. All are volunteers. We work from our homes so overhead is extremely low. We are somewhat unique because we strive to support our students through college. MCF students have achieved remarkable success: Many of our alumni are gainfully employed in Kenya where the unemployment rate hovers at 40%, 12 are currently enrolled in universities and one of our students is completing work on his PhD.

We attribute this success to the personal relationship we have with each child. Emotional needs, as well as academic requirements, receive our loving attention and support. We are so proud of the irrepressible spirit of the Makena Kids. They have overcome severe emotional and economic challenges to achieve admirable success. They serve as an ongoing inspiration for all of us.

To see our beautiful kids and read our newsletters go to makena.org. To donate to educating these children send checks to: Makena Children's Foundation, 711 Medford Center #117, Medford, OR 97504. We are a registered USA 501(c)3 charitable organization. To sign up for our newsletters email me. You can also give to me directly your check; we appreciate any amount you can give us.

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ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

Action alert re: IRS mailing. The IRS informed the Archdiocese of Portland that, in an effort to assist individuals potentially affected by tax fraud, it is attempting to issue an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) number to every individual who had a criminal background check processed through the former background check vendor for the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon and the Archdiocese of Seattle, regardless of when, or for which parish, school or other organization. The IP PIN number has been or will be sent by the IRS via US Mail by early January 2015. **The IP-PIN must be included on your 2014 tax return.** The IRS will not process returns that do not include this IP PIN number in an effort to protect people from having a fraudulent return filed in their name for the 2014 tax year.

Please read important information posted about this IP-PIN mailing on the Archdiocesan website:

www.archdpx.org. Click on *Action Alert* on the first page. If you have questions, please contact the IRS Identity Protection Special Unit at 1-800-908-4490 or visit a Taxpayer Assistance Center. **Please do not contact the Archdiocese.** The Archdiocese has no information on the issuance of IP-PINs.



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

To obtain Sacred Heart Youth Ministry

Information Contact: Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpdx.org. For Whitney's' cell # please e-mail her for her Mobil number.

ST. Andrew's Dinner

This Wednesday January 28th, beginning at 5:30p. Evening prayer at 5:45p, dinner will be served at 6:00p. A presentation by ArchBishop Sample and other attending priest will begin at 6:45p followed by a Q & A. The evening will close in prayer and end at 8p. If you have not RSVP'd and grace is pulling at your heart to attend please call: Whitney Compton.

ADOPT A CONFIRMANDI!

There are youth that are not yet adopted. I have been praying for them; however it would be a blessing for them to have a prayer warrior of their own. To adopt a Confirmandi please contact Whitney!

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:

We are going to plan a bowling event for February, keep an eye out for the next months e-mail!

If you're interested in joining our Young Adult Program and desire to receive our e-mail informing you of Young Adult Social and Spiritual events and opportunities – as well as community news please contact Whitney Compton via e-mail.

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):

Middle School Semester Topic: The Creed

High School Semester Topic: Morality

Middle School: 9:45a-11:00a This Weekend: Begotten

High School – After Youth Mass from 6:15p-7:30p

Semester Content: Pathways and Providence

High School Youth Group canceled on Feb. 1—Superbowl!

CONFIRMATION:

On January 28th Group B will have Class 7!

The Mandatory NET Retreat for Confirmation Prep Class is on February 14th from 9am -5pm.

REMINDER: Your letter of intention to the Bishop and Father Ken is due that day (a simple letter stating that you wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and why will be sufficient – please contact Whitney Compton for further instruction, help and/or questions.)

NET Ministries

NET Ministries will be coming to put on our Confirmation Retreat February 14, 2015 in the parish hall from 9a-5p. Registration is now open for High School Youth who are not currently in Confirmation. Retreat Cost (to non registered confirmation youth) is \$23.00! Space is limited; sign up now! Please begin to pray for the Netters, Confirmandi, and any High School youth that may be attending as the retreat draws near.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This week our Sacrament Preparation Group continues on their exciting Sacrament journey. After receiving their second Sacrament (Reconciliation/Confession) they now travel in faith towards “our source and our summit”, the gift of our Most Holy Eucharist! Please keep our lovely children in your prayers. Here’s a great kid-friendly prayer I found recently, entitled

“At The Table Of The Lord”:

“Lord, we come to your table, bringing our food, our joys, our fears, our worries, and our sorrows. All our needs we place at your feet. Bless us today, tomorrow and always. Nourish us that we may do your will with joy and confidence. Fill our darkest places with your light. Be with us in all that we do, in all that we share, and in all that we are”. *Amen.*

Sunday Morning Religious Education Classes

All children Preschool through 5th grade *welcome!* Sunday mornings 9:50am to 11:15am at Sacred Heart School. Assemble in the school cafeteria for our (short) morning family faith sharing time with coffee and snacks. Come and join in the fun. “It really is cool to be Catholic!”

For further questions or details contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office. Ph# 541-779-4661 ext: 107

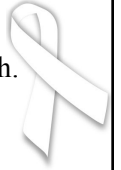
Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services is in need of loving, caring families interested in expanding their family through open adoption. We are experiencing a shortage of families and need couples who are willing to join us in ministry to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. Our Orientation Class is February 27 & 28. For more details or to schedule a free informational interview, contact Shawn Cass at 503-238-5196 or scass@catholiccharitiesoregon.org.

Financial Report

	1/11/2015	1/12/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$18,144.23	\$18,055.29
Offertory received current week	\$14,500.04	\$17,169.19
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$500,342.94	\$526,516.77
Needed for Budget	\$508,038.45	\$505,548.11
Over (under) Budget	(\$7,695.51)	(\$20,968.66)

God gives it all, then calls us to share. Thank you for sharing! On-line giving is now available. If you are interested, please call the office.

WHITE RIBBONS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY



Pornography is causing a terrible spiritual crises in our families, communities and especially among our youth. It is destroying marriages, curbing vocations and leading to a range of sexually exploitive behaviors.

CCC 2354 *Pornography*..... It offends against chastity because it perverts the conjugal act, the intimate giving of spouses to each other. It does grave injury to the dignity of its participants (actors, vendors, the public), since each one becomes an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others....It is a grave offense. Civil authorities should prevent the production and distribution of pornographic materials.

- Many parents and children/teens are not aware of the quickness with which one can suffer from pornography addiction, and the ease of acquiring inappropriate sexual pictures and content on the inter net. Sexual addiction can occur within a week and easily within three months for many people.
- Inappropriate images can't be erased from the mind and they influence actions. Children/teens and adults need to abandon the "everybody's seeing these things" mindset and be responsible for what goes into their minds.

Adult exposure to pornographic media is connected with: Greater acceptance of sex before marriage

Having more sex partners

Greater acceptance of adultery

Engaging in more behavioral aggression

Catholic Daughters Of the Americas, Court St. Mary #1800, will be passing out WRAP pins and stickers, in the fight against pornography, after all Masses on January 24 and 25, 2015. Please help us to raise awareness that pornography harms all of us and that we can fight for decency in our homes, schools, communities and the media.

Most exposure to pornography occurs while online, please consider placing a white ribbon sticker on your computer and keeping the pray nearby to help all of us to stand strong against the temptations that are so close at hand.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Check out our new Kiosk With dozens of CDs, Books & Pamphlets on many aspects of our Catholic Faith. New titles available weekly! It is available in the foyer of the church on Sundays, during Coffee and Donuts and also during Father Ken's Bible Studies. Start the year filling your hearts and minds with literature that is uplifting.