



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26 (148A)

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

During this ongoing anniversary of the Vatican II Council, we continue our exploration of the Vatican II documents as a faith community with...

Dignitatis Humanae
(Declaration on Religious Liberty)

As we approach mid-term elections, *Dignitatis Humanae* has taken on new significance for our society both now and in recent years. The Church made this declaration on religious freedom in a time when Christianity was under threat elsewhere and when the Americas and Western Europe were more friendly toward, or at least more tolerant of, the Christian position. Today, traditional Judeo-Christian values have come under attack in our sector of the world with more alarming frequency, hatred and sophistication. Enemies of the faith have turned to legal maneuvering, cultural attacks in the entertainment media and in the news and political wrangling in the West and, in the East, have resorted to far less subtle acts of violence, intimidation and even genocide. Therefore, it is important that we take a closer look at this 13th document of Vatican II which pays special attention to threats to religious liberty that originate in government. The document argues that all people must be free from coercion, claiming that, "Truth can impose itself on the mind of a man only in virtue of its own truth, which wins over the mind with both gentleness and power" (1). In other words, neither the government nor any other social or human power should act either to coerce or restrict this basic human right. "The Vatican Council declares that the human person has a right to religious freedom...The Council further declares that the right to religious freedom is based on the very dignity of the human person" (2). Because it is a divine gift, neither the government nor any other social, human power has the right to grant it or take it away. This right belongs even to those who do not choose to exercise it (2).

"The search for truth, however, must be carried out in a manner that is appropriate to the dignity of the human person and his social nature, namely, by free enquiry with the help of teaching or instruction, communication and dialogue" (3). This means, by the way, that pursuit of the truth, especially religious truth, also requires freedom of speech and freedom of assembly within "the just requirements of public order" (2-3). These kinds of freedoms are required because a true religious act "cannot be commanded or forbidden" (3). Government, in particular, must avoid treading on religious freedom because the scope of governmental authority is temporal in nature while religion looks beyond the temporal realm. Any act of governmental restriction of the practice of religion is one that involves an overreach of authority. In our own country, separation of Church and state was originally meant as a restriction on government, that it might not force upon its citizens an official state religion instead allowing for the free pursuit of truth among its citizens. Unfortunately, today the government has more often interpreted this rule to mean that somehow the government has the power to ban religious practice from the public forum or even impose its will on the faithful, at times legally forcing them to act in violation of their conscience or religious beliefs. According to this new perversion, government has assumed authority over religion. This new form of overreach was neither envisioned by the Church nor the Founding Fathers of our country. Our current national health care bill is one such example of violation because it forces the faithful who are opposed to surgical sterilization, artificial birth control and abortifacients to pay for them in the form of a tax. On the other end of the scale, when the government acts to prevent the mention of God or the use of prayer at public school events, in the military branches, etc. they also err.

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Religious freedom also requires the free public expression of its beliefs, whether through words or expression and the ability to enter into peaceful dialog with others (5). This might include the display of crèches or other seasonal religious symbols, entering into peaceful debate in the public square, etc. It also means that parents, for instance, have the right to determine the practice of faith that they will exercise at home with their children and the freedom to pursue or not pursue faith based education for them. It is the government's role to protect these rights and not to prohibit them (6). "From this it follows that it is wrong for a public authority to compel its citizens by force or fear or any other means to profess or repudiate any religion or to prevent anyone from joining or leaving a religious body... Furthermore, since civil society has the right to protect itself against possible abuses committed in the name of religious freedom the responsibility for providing such protection rests especially with the civil authority... However, this must not be done in an arbitrary manner or by the unfair practice of favoritism" (6-7).

The Vatican II Council concludes that "man's response to God by faith ought to be free" (10). It must never be forced, as we are seeing at present in the Middle East, or forbidden, as we see in China and in other communist nations. However, it is no longer wise or safe to continue to assume that violations to religious liberty are things that go on "out there". More and more, they are beginning to happen within the boundaries of our own country. Keep this in mind as elections draw near because, as the old saying goes, "You get the kind of government you deserve". For those of you who are qualified to vote, I urge you to make your voice count and bring your faith to the ballot box in order that our religious liberties might continue to be protected.



OCTOBER -- RESPECT LIFE MONTH
 Each October is set aside by the bishops of the United States as Respect Life Month, a time to particularly reflect on life issues and to pray for and promote greater respect for all human life. This year's theme is "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation," adapted from Pope Francis' 2013 Day for Life greeting.

"The perfect family doesn't exist, nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife, and let's not talk about the perfect mother-in-law! It's just us sinners. A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: "May I? Thank you, and I'm sorry" and never, never, never end the day without making peace."
 ~~ Pope Francis

- 7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**
- M. Oct. 27: +Derek Forsythe
 - T. Oct. 28: +Alice Blenkush
 - W. Oct. 29: +C. A. Zeitler
 - Th. Oct. 30: Margie Meyer
 - F. Oct. 31: Jose Martinez
- 8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**
- M. Oct. 27: +Lucy & +Jared Cairés
 - T. Oct. 28: +Lucy & +Jared Cairés
 - W. Oct. 29: +Janice Gnos
 - Th. Oct. 30: +Lucy & +Jared Cairés
 - F. Oct. 31: +Lucy & +Jared Cairés
 - S. Nov 1: All Saints Day

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:
 Richard Davidson, Starr Davis, Shari Lloyd, Jennifer Galster, Benjamin Tatum, Ferrel Cunningham, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Joan Bain, Cynthia Sugiyura, Sharon Anderson, Leona Piascki, Kathy Kim, Jean Roan, Paul Zeleznik, Jeffrey Techau, Patti Otto, Carmen Aitken, James Bright, Connie Moyer, Beth Curl, Margaret Mucha, Donna Becker, Lisa Young, Annelies Boivin, Nanette Hall, Eileen Van Dyck, Pamela Demian, Marie Casilio, Rachel Scott, John Kuchler, Patti Wittenbrock, Jennifer White, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell, Marge Kearney, and Dick & Beverly Handley. **Please pray for the deceased of our parish, especially:** +Margaret Jones, +Michael Butler, +Steve Rayburn, and +Barbara McKee, and for their families.



CHURCH GEAR EXTRAVAGANZA!!!

On October 25th and 26th and again on November 1st and 2nd we will be selling Sacred Heart Church Gear after all Masses!

We pray your support will get us to Seaside, OR for our Archdiocesan Youth Conference.



Our sale includes
Men's and Women's Hybrid Polo Shirts
Men's & Women's Weatherproof Jackets
Hats, Vests and Bags!!!

Your choice of colors!

Prices range from \$12.00 - \$35.00.

Payment due when your order is placed (cash and check only).

We will place one order only in 2014!



DON'T MISS OUT!



A great Christmas Gift!!

What an easy, great way to evangelize!

**All of Medford will be saying --
did you see those Catholics? They are everywhere!**

DO YOU LIKE TO RAKE LEAVES?

If you do we have got a job for you! This rain will bring down lots of leaves around the church grounds and we like to keep it clean and neat looking. Think of the exercise and the blessings! Come to the office and we will provide the rake and the bags to fill. Could be a lunch hour thing. When the sun is out and the leaves are dry what could be more fun?



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council #1594, SAY THANKS

Last weekend's fundraising breakfast for Sacred Heart School netted \$364. Thanks to the students and parents who took orders, served the breakfast and helped clean up. Each breakfast brings joy to so many in our Sacred Heart Community. On behalf of all Knights that start setting up at 5:00 a.m. and those that finish the clean-up by 11:30 we are glad you came to enjoy the fellowship of sharing a meal with us. In November we will support St Vincent DePaul and their Food-Basket Project. Hope to see you there,
John Meenaghan , Grand Knight

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS RETREAT

Tuesday November 4th, Father Justus will lead a Retreat for Catholic Daughters in the Parish Hall. We will begin with Rosary at 8:00 a.m. in church followed by Mass. We then gather in the Hall to begin our retreat. A pot luck lunch will be served, with Catholic Daughters providing lasagna. Please bring your favorite food to share. For more information call Regent, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

St Vincent de Paul in Jackson County was started in 1982 with volunteers lead by Lil and Bill Howe at Sacred Heart Church. That same year Our Lady of the Mountain and Shepherd of the Valley volunteers joined forces to form the Rogue Valley District Council. Nothing was done or is done without the inspiration of Jesus Christ working in all the volunteers who serve day in and day out. We need you to help keep this legacy of love and service alive as Jesus asked us. Please call 541-772-3828 Ext 7 and volunteer..

IS YOUR INNER MUSICIAN CALLING YOU?

Interested in learning to play the ukulele? A free weekly one-hour basic ukulele class will begin on Monday, 11/3/14, at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room located in the Parish Hall. Class size is limited to eight students so contact Dan Aquino at (541) 879-0548 to enroll.





“Harvest Lights”

You are invited to an
Autumn Dinner/Dance
on Saturday, November 8 at 6:30PM
in the Parish Hall

Enjoy beef stroganoff
w/noodles,
fall vegetables, salad,
rolls & yummy dessert.

*Dance to the popular music
of the 50's, 60's and 70's
performed by
Dean and Dorie*

Hosted by
the Hospitality Committee
and the
Knights of Columbus

Beer and wine bar
Complimentary
coffee & apple cider
Tickets on sale now!
Adults \$15.00
Children \$10.00

Proceeds benefit
improved lighting
in the church
parking lot!



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL *A Community of Faith and Learning*

DID YOU KNOW that our recent Jog-A-Thon fundraiser on October 17 raised over \$60,000 towards education expenses at Sacred Heart? Hats off to our generous supporters, and our school community for making this special event so successful, and congratulations to our students who, all totaled jogged/ran/walked 1,948 miles--that's about 30 miles past Indianapolis, Indiana from Medford!

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: NOV 1

Even though the Feast of All Saints is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year (because it falls on a Saturday), we will nonetheless celebrate the Feast of All Saints with a beautiful Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 1.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVESTITURE FOR THE SQUIRES CIRCLE

Congratulations to the young men who pledged support as squires to the Knights of Columbus earlier this month. Help support these young Knights, ages 10 to 18, with your prayer as they embark on a journey of service, fun, and spiritual development. For information contact the Knights at 541-772-6427.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive is now underway! Membership forms are at the doors of the church. Annual dues are still \$15 and you are invited to be an active or inactive member. Your contribution will help support the needs of our altar -- the candles, hosts, the wine. Our next meeting is Monday, November 10 at 11:00 in the Parish Hall. A potluck follows the meeting. Hope to see you!

COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by: October 26:

7:00 - Paul Stancel / John Meenaghan
8:30 - The Rostel Family
Enjoy a coffee and a donut after the 7
and 8:30 Masses. Make new friends -



LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. You are welcome to come over Wednesday morning for coffee & muffins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Stay for the meeting if you wish. Guaranteed to be a good start to your day!

**SACRED HEART
YOUTH MINISTRY**



Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Contact Information: Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpdx.org. To reach Whitney by cell please email her for her mobile number..

ADOPT A CONFIRMANDI!

Our Confirmation Youth have begun their classes. It is a goal to have a personal intercessor for each youth throughout the year as the students go through their confirmation preparation classes. If you would like to adopt a Confirmandi and pray for them throughout the year please contact Whitney.

CHURCH GEAR!

IT'S HERE! The SHYM will be taking orders for Sacred Heart Catholic Church Gear on the weekends of October 25th and November 1st after all the Masses. What's for sale: Hats, Bags, Polo's for men and women, Jackets for men and women and more! Orders will also be taken throughout the week of October 27th in the office. Money is due when your order is placed. Cash and Checks accepted. All proceeds benefit our Archdiocesan Youth Conference in Seaside on the weekend of Nov. 21st 2014.

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School & High School):

This weekend, we will have some time of fellowship for the youth to continue in building a sense of community.

EDGE Topic: Holy-ween!

Lifeteen Topic: Get Social!

CONFIRMATION:

This week Group B will have Class 2 in the Parish Hall, Wednesday October 15th 2014. Please bring your CHOSEN Workbook and a smile. Doors open at 6:00pm and class will begin promptly at 6:30. Don't forget your homework and mass journal. Parents, for questions please contact Whitney Compton.

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:

Want to be with other young Catholic adults who are also seeking a good community to be a part of? We are looking to begin a Young Adult Program here at Sacred Heart! First we need to know who is interested! If you are interested fill out the Young Adult Community Registration Form (this form does not lock you into any specific event). Forms are available in the back of the Church or by contacting Whitney Compton.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE – ADYC in SEASIDE!

The Fundraiser is planned! We will be selling Church Gear after all Masses on Saturday October 25th and Sunday October 26th and again on Saturday November 1st and Sunday November 2nd. Parents of Youth attending, if you are able to help after the Masses along with your Youth, please inform Whitney of when you plan to help!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

 Pope Francis has asked every family around the world to do something very important: to pray for a special gathering of bishops in Rome this month. The bishops will discuss ways to help families deal with the challenges they face in the world today. The pope asks you to pray for God's blessing and grace on the discussions that the bishops will have at this meeting. Your children, Catechists (Teachers) and I will be praying for the bishops as well. Pope Francis tells families that joy is where love is, and that authentic love comes from Jesus. Your home is the best place for your child to experience love. The love that parents express to their children helps them understand the love of God.

Take a quiet minute with your child at the end of the day, before bedtime, and offer an "Our Father" for the bishops who help guide our families in the Catholic Faith.

Sacrament Preparation

 Our Sacrament group is preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation (sometimes called Confession or Penance) and have been learn-

ing how God loves and cares about our safety and so long ago gave Moses the Ten Commandments. God wanted us to know how to be fair, loving, kind and holy. These children are now old enough to know the difference between right and wrong. They also know that when they do something wrong, they must ask God and others to forgive them and help them not to sin again. God especially made a way through the Church, for all of us to do that: the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Now the children only know a little about this Sacrament but in the days and weeks to come they will learn much more about how to get ready for this wonderful gift from God that brings us closer to Him. Please pray for them as they grow in their faith. You too can receive this wonderful gift from God – the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Reconciliation (Confession) at Sacred Heart Church are every Saturday from 3:30pm until 5:15pm!

For questions or queries related to Religious Education, Sacrament Preparation or Called To Protect Training please contact Mary Stallard at the Sacred Heart Parish Office..ph# 541-779-4661 ext: 107 or email mstallard@shcs.org

Sacred Heart School
TEXAS HOLD'EM FUNDRAISER!

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Come join us for our Poker Tournament to benefit the 8th Grade trip to Washington DC.

Bring your friends and family! Entry Deadline is October 29th

Knights of Columbus Hall 772 Black Oak Dr. Medford

4:00 PM—Registration/Dinner 5:00 PM—Tournament Begins

Payout 1st place \$300.00, 2nd place \$150.00 3rd place: \$75.00

You can pick up a registration at the Sacred Heart School front office!

431 S. Ivy (Corner of Ivy and 11th St.) Questions? Call 541 772-4105



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS FUNDRAISER
-BIBLES FOR CHILDREN**

Mary Stallard, coordinator of our religious education program, has asked for help in purchasing child-friendly Bibles for the children's classes. We are asking the parish for help as each Bible cost \$25.00. Can you help? Any amount towards the purchase will be greatly appreciated. Cash or checks (checks made out to Sacred Heart Religious Education), you may place them in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope marked CDA or give to any Catholic Daughter member. For more information contact Connie Moyer 541-773-8736 Thank you.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The holidays are soon approaching, and a wonderful way to prepare for them is by giving your marriage the gift of revitalized love that lasts a lifetime! Enjoy a **World Wide Marriage Encounter** weekend at Mt. Angel Abby Nov. 7-9th, and fill your holiday celebrations with even greater blessings. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org. Other dates also available.

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