



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7 (139A)

SECOND READING: Philippians 6:6-9 GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43

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...

Dei Verbum

(Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation): Part 2

This week we turn to the final chapters of *Dei Verbum* which focus exclusively on the Bible and its proper interpretation and use within the life of the Church. To begin with, the document asserts that “the books of both the Old and New Testaments in their entirety, with all their parts, are sacred and canonical because written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author and have been handed on as such to the Church herself” (11). In a sense, however, there is a dual authorship because God made use of inspired human authors to write these truths down “faithfully and without error” while, at the same time making “use of their [own] powers and abilities” (11). To fully understand the meaning of the scriptural passages in question, one should strive then not only to understand the intent of the Holy Spirit but also the intent of the sacred human author (12). As to the latter goal, paying proper attention to the literary form is of utmost importance “for truth is set forth and expressed differently in texts which are variously historical, prophetic, poetic, or of other forms of discourse” (12). To this end, I have always reminded students of Sacred Scripture that the Bible is a library rather than a book and that we do not read each book within the Bible in the same way (i.e. literally as a Fundamentalist would). Instead we take into consideration the genre of the work and read and interpret it according to the guiding norms of each style of writing we are considering. At the same time, in recognizing that the divine author of Sacred Scripture (the Holy Spirit) has placed His fingerprint on all of the sacred texts we also strive to read them holistically in the context of the entire unity of the Bible and through the lens of the living tradition of the Catholic faith (12). We must also never forget that proper interpretation of the authentic meaning of scripture “is subject finally to the judgment of the Church, which carries out the divine commission and ministry of guarding and interpreting the word of God” (12).

Dei Verbum goes on to specifically address both the Old and New Testaments in their various parts. Regarding the Old Testament, the Church declared that these texts “remain permanently valuable” as useful instruction, as a recollection of the foundations of our salvation history and as preparation for the coming of the promised Messiah, Jesus the Christ. Even though these texts “also contain some things which are incomplete and temporary” they also show God’s teaching methodology and story of self-revelation. Thus, as the saying goes “the New Testament [is] hidden in the Old and the Old [is] made manifest in the New” (15-16). The New Testament then gives answer to the mysteries of the Old Testament and shows forth the fulfillment of God’s ancient promises with “the Gospels [having] a special preeminence...for they are the principle witness for the life and teaching of the incarnate Word, our savior” (18). It was the intent of the evangelists “that either from their own memory and recollections, or from the witness of those who ‘themselves from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word’ we might know ‘the truth’” (19).

Finally, *Dei Verbum* speaks of the proper use of Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. Among the spiritual benefits of reading the Bible, the document lists fellowship with God and the other Christian faithful (past, present and future) as one (1-2). Scripture also helps to enlighten the mind, strengthen the will and set your heart on fire with love (24). Knowledge of the divine is an additional benefit because as St. Jerome said, “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (25). St. Ambrose, among others, also indicated that reading scripture aids in our prayer. He said, “We speak to Him when we pray; We hear Him when we read the divine sayings” (26). Finally, *Dei Verbum* instructs that just as the Eucharist strengthens the Church and her members, so too the Bible strengthens and builds up the one who reflects with reverence on the word of God” (26). We should prayerfully read Scripture as we also live out the sacramental life of our faith. We are fed from the table of the altar by the Eucharist and from the table of the Word by Sacred Scripture. The two work best together as we strive to understand and live the lessons of the Bible from the inside as formal members of God’s family of faith. Tune in next week as we take a closer look at *Apostolicam Actuositatem* (Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People).



ADORATION CHAPEL 12TH ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday October 7th, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, marks the 12th anniversary of our Adoration Chapel. Please consider coming to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.” - Pope Benedict XVI

Come to the office and receive the code to unlock the door.

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.

Imagine yourself pausing in quiet wonder in front of a beautiful piece of art. Now think of the artist who created that masterpiece with painstaking care and precision, stepping back to admire his work. Each of us is a masterpiece, created by God with purpose and tenderness. We are each loved so intensely and are each of such great worth that we cannot even comprehend it.

THE PATRICIANS - CATHOLIC DISCUSSION

The Patricians will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, October 20th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Topic: Are millions condemned if they don't believe in Christ? Father Justus is our Spiritual Advisor. Come have a coffee and a treat and meet with your fellow Catholics. Ever learning, ever young.

ROSARY RALLY

There will be a Rosary Rally in Vogel Plaza, downtown Medford, at noon on Saturday, October 11. Please come!



COMMUNION SERVICES PLANNED DUE TO THE PRIESTS CONVOCATION

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6
TO THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**Deacon Ron will be offering
Communion Services at 8:30 a.m.
There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass
on those days.**

**Mass at 7 and 8:30 resumes Friday,
October 10.**

**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS -- Please call the office
if you had Mass offered on one of these canceled days
and we will reschedule.**

**7:00 Mass Intention Oct. 10: +Kristina Chandler
8:30 Mass Intention Oct. 10: +Richard Morgan**

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE- COME CATHOLIC?

Come and see! If you are an adult who is thinking about becoming Catholic, or have a child seven or older who is not yet baptized, or are a baptized Catholic adult or teen who has not yet received your First Communion, please join us at RCIA! **Weekly RCIA sessions for adults, teens, and older children meet every Tuesday in the parish hall. Adults meet from 6:30-8:00; teens and older children meet from 7-8:00.**

These informal sessions will introduce you to the Catholic faith without pressure or expectation. For more information, please contact Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org

**NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE (NVCSS)
ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO ASSIST DISASTER EFFORTS**

Bishop Jaime Soto celebrated Mass on Saturday, Sept. 20 in the Ford Theater at the College of the Siskiyous in Weed with parishioners and friends of Holy Family Parish in the wake of the destructive Boles Fire, which destroyed Holy Family Church and Hall in Weed on the afternoon of Sept. 15. The Diocese of Sacramento has asked donations be sent to the North Valley Catholic Social Service.

Send checks to:
**North Valley Catholic
Social Service
c/o Weed Fire Fund/
Disaster Relief
2400 Washington Ave.
Redding, CA 96001**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Tuesday, October 7th beginning with 8:00am Rosary, followed by Mass. We then gather in the Hall for snacks and friendship (please bring a snack to share). Meeting begins at 9:30 and our guest speaker is Patrick Gross, principal of Sacred Heart School. **All ladies are invited, come meet us and join as we strive to be spirit-filled women.** For information call, Regent, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
JACKSONVILLE**

Reminder:
Fall Clean-up. Oct. 11th & Oct. 18th at St. Joseph's Church in Jacksonville.
Contact Leslie for details: (925) 324-0252



A Great New Bible Study Opportunity For You!

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



COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:

**October 5: Sacred Heart School
October 12: Catholic Daughters**



Enjoy a coffee and a donut after the 7 and 8:30 Masses. Make new friends - enjoy old ones!

MUSIC DIRECTOR OPENING –

Sacred Heart Parish is looking for a Music Director to coordinate and direct the parish music program. Responsibilities include: planning appropriate music for all sacramental celebrations in collaboration with the Pastor, providing leadership in areas related to liturgical music, encouraging participation of the parish community in various liturgies, providing music and musicians for all Sunday and special liturgical and major celebrations. Recruiting, auditioning and training cantors and accompanists as needed. Cantoring and/or accompanying Masses as needed.

Desired qualifications: Degree in Music or equivalent experience, working knowledge of Catholic liturgy, two to four years' church choral experience, knowledge and understanding of church organization and operational procedures. Practicing Catholic required.

Send resume to Marie Chandler at mchandler@archdpdx.org.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

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, Steve Rayburn, Beth Curl, Margaret Mucha, Donna Becker, Larry Beskow, 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: +George Farineau, +Lorraine Mussack, +Alan Henning, +Joachim Vargas, and +Elsie Sakraida and for their families.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Thank you for the warm welcome you have given me and my family. I am so blessed to have become part of such a vibrant and truly outstanding school! Spending time in each of our teachers' classrooms and watching them with our students has led me to quickly understand the high caliber of faculty we have. Our teachers are highly qualified and pedagogically strong, but even more importantly, they bring a spirituality, a deep care for each student as an individual learner and person, and a tireless spirit and enthusiasm to their task. Our school year started September 2, and we have had a very successful first month, with impressive preliminary standardized test results, a wonderful back-to-school dinner, some notable sports wins, a middle school afternoon retreat, and student council elections as a few highlights. We are also fortunate to have unparalleled community support. Already this year we have hosted a very successful golf tournament (the 14th Annual "Into the Heart of the Cup,") and our student are currently gathering pledges for our next event, our Jog-A-Thon, which will take place on October 17. Thanks to our many volunteers who make so much happen! Know that your support of SHCS enables an important and successful ministry, as we work to fulfill our 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." Thanks for that support, and thanks for helping to spread the word in our community, that we are open for visits and tours, have openings at many grade levels, and are registering students right now.

Yours in Christ,
Patrick Gross



SUPPORT THE SCOUTS!

Cub Scout Pack 1 will be selling popcorn after Mass on the weekends of October 4-5 and October 11-12. We have many flavors and varieties for sale and 70% of the sales returns to local Scouting. The scouts use this fundraiser to cover the cost of their dues, their uniforms, and programs like summer camp.

We appreciate your support!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DENTAL CLINIC VOLUNTEER

St. Vincent de Paul's Dental Clinic has an immediate need for two volunteers for a one-morning-a-month dental clinic. Reliability and confidentiality are a must, but no dental skills are necessary.

To help, call Paulene at 541-973-3965, or Kris at 541-890-3164.



Financial Report

	9/21/2014	9/22/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$14,595.12	\$13,696.74
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$199,549.75	\$201,682.02
Needed for Budget	\$217,730.77	\$216,663.47
Over (under) Budget	(\$18,181.02)	(\$14,981.45)

God gives it all, then calls us to share. Thank you for sharing!

Thank you Advertiser of the Week

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SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Contact Information: Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpx.org, if needed request her cell number via email.

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 prepare for Confirmation. To adopt a Confirmandi and pray for them throughout the year please contact Whitney Compton for the name of youth you can adopt!

A NOTE TO THE PARENTS! SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Our Youth Minister has worked hard to compile a schedule of events. Please refer to this schedule for information about Youth Group events. For an electronic copy, e-mail a request to Whitney Compton.

CALLED TO PROTECT – PARENT PRESENTATION

Parents of youth join us for a presentation for you. This valuable information will help you keep your child safe in an ever growing globalized world. The CTP Parent Presentation will be presented by Mary Stallard and Whitney Compton. It will take place on October 12, 2014 from 4-5pm in the Parish Hall

CORE TEAM

If you are interested in Core Team, please fill out the Core Team Application and contact Whitney.

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:

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 ask Whitney.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE – ADYC in SEASIDE!

ADYC is currently FULL! Your Registration Packet for ADYC is due by October 9th 2014. If you need a registration packet please see Whitney Compton in the Parish Office. There will be one fundraiser for our ADYC Trip. We will be selling Sacred Heart Catholic Church Gear! The details are in the process of being worked out! We plan to have our fundraiser late October or the first week of November!

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):

Please remember in order for your son/daughter to participate they must be registered. Grab a registration packet after Church and return to Whitney Compton

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It's Not Too late.....

Religious Education Classes for children Preschool through 5th began Sunday September 21st at **Sacred Heart School** but there are still spots available so please come and join us for a new, exciting fun filled year of Catholic Faith classes. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or at the School each Sunday. The School cafeteria will be open for coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. At 9:50 a.m. we begin with group prayer, followed by attendance recording. The children then depart for class as a group. Classes are from 9:50 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. Any questions or for further details contact Mary Stallard at Sacred Heart ph# 541-779-4661 ext 107

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Sacrament Preparation classes began Wednesday September 24th and registration is now closed. If you would like your child to be included in next year's program please contact me for criteria requirements. We have 40 children in our program this year so please keep these special children in your prayers as they prepare for the holy sacraments of Reconciliation (sometimes called Confession) and Holy Communion.

Any questions or for further details contact Mary Stallard at Sacred Heart ph# 541-779-4661 ext 107



Life Chain Sunday
October 5, 2014



Join the 26th National Life Chain! 2:45-4:00 p.m.
Corner of Biddle & Mc Andrews - Medford, Oregon
(get signs at Blue Sky Plaza)

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA! You'll be a light in a dark-ened world as you Help put an end to abortion through PRAYER

- ✠....**Bring your whole family!** Rain or shine!
- ✠....Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome!
- ✠....Life Chain signs are provided.
- ✠....**See www.LifeChain.net for more than 1800 locations in 1500 cities and towns across the United States and Canada.**

Life Chain is a peaceful and silent public witness of pro-life Americans standing for sixty minutes, praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian Community that abortion kills children and the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Life Chain is sponsored by the Jackson County Right to Life
Sanda Collegio — coordinator — lasanda4life@gmail.com - (541-326-8590)

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT - HEALING FROM ABORTION

Have you convinced yourself that you have dealt with your abortion experience, but you still feel uncertain? October 31st through November 2nd there will be a retreat in Portland where healing, forgiveness, hope, and transformation are offered in a safe, caring, and strictly confidential environment. The cost is \$200.00 for the weekend, which includes meals, room, and all retreat materials. Generous financial assistance is available. To attend please contact: Patricia Hutchinson, Project Rachel Coordinator at 1-800-249-8074, ProjectRachel@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org or phutchinson@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org.