



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4 (524)

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18 GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

Living in Constant Encounter with Christ is the Pathway to the New Evangelization

In his two most recently published works, *Open Mind Faithful Heart* (a book of reflections taken from his time as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina) and *Gaudium Evangelii* (an apostolic exhortation entitled "The Joy of the Gospel" in English) Pope Francis takes up the theme of joyful evangelization of the world. This should not surprise us as he still is a Jesuit missionary at heart who lives this message for all the world to see on a daily basis. What is refreshing though is that he does not simply remind us of the obligation to evangelize or focus on techniques or venues for doing so. Instead he speaks of something more basic and organic...that evangelization does not need to be taught in any technical kind of way. It flows organically from a life of encountering Christ. This theme is something that I focused on in last weekend's men's retreat at St. Rita's. There were three aspects of encountering Christ that I particularly highlighted:

1. We must be open to experiencing these encounters in our lives (with the attitude captured in the Pope's book title...with open mind and faithful heart). This is not as easy as it sounds because it means having the courage to be moved or changed and it means coming to Jesus without conditions or an agenda. Pope Francis points out scriptural examples of good people who failed to come to Christ with an open heart. Nicodemus came but only at night in the beginning. His condition was that he did not want the encounter to impact his professional reputation, his career or his friendships. The Samaritan woman at the well had her own set of conditions. She was happy to talk with Jesus about God but her condition was that she did not want to talk about her own sinfulness or her need for conversion in her life. And there were eager young men who pleaded with Jesus to be allowed to follow him as disciples but only after burying their parents or saying goodbye to family. Pope Francis points out that this is equivalent to setting conditions on time and convenience. Our God is a jealous God who is not interested in getting a portion of who we are when it is convenient for us or only if he first performs some service or miracle that we have negotiated. He wants all of who we are without condition.

When we give it to him, like Andrew, Peter, James and John in last week's Gospel encounter with Christ, our lives become changed forever. We hang up our nets (whatever they might be in our lives) and we are filled with joy. That change transforms us into joy-filled evangelists and suddenly we are hungry to share the Good News with others. Pope Francis defines holiness not as a list of acquired virtues but as a life lived in constant encounter with Christ in just this way.

2. We must live out our lives not only believing that this type of life-changing encounter is possible but believing that it can literally happen every day.

Therefore we must live in expectant vigilance watching out for these encounters that come to us in prayer and through the sacraments, sacred scripture, nature and other people of faith. Pope Francis gives as an example of this expectant vigilance in Anna and Simeon in the nativity stories of Jesus. They prayed in the Temple every day of their lives fully convinced that they would live to see the promised Messiah come. And one day that is just what happened. He was carried through the front door in the form of an infant. Christ appears to us regularly, but often we miss those encounters because we do not expect them and we are not paying attention.

3. Finally, when these encounters occur, we must rediscover the sense of awe that should naturally accompany such encounters. Pope Francis says priests should tremble each time they baptize a child and should be more conscious of the miracles that occur through the sacraments, for instance. Otherwise, he says, they move from being an intercessor for the people of God and a mediator to just being a functionary. The laity of the Church face the same risk when they begin to view the Church simply in legalistic ways or think of their faith as only a duty to check off the list. Rediscovering awe in our lives through encounters with Christ fills us with joy, zeal and a desire, once again to share our faith.

Living out these three focal points in our journey of faith is a recipe for a dynamic, life-changing adventure with God. We ask God to change us. We expect it to happen on a regular basis and we are filled with awe at the goodness of God when it happens. Under those circumstances we cannot help but share the good news we have experienced with others because our own hearts cannot contain themselves otherwise.

TRAVEL ON A PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER KEN

Sacred Heart Pilgrims will leave October 11, 2014 to visit Holy places in Portugal, Spain and France, including Marian apparition sites in Lourdes, Fatima and Covadonga as well as Santiago de Compostela, the burial site of St James the apostle. For information and application forms, please call Lillian Lynch, 541-779-2134 or Beckie Kantor, 541-601-4457, bkantor@hotmail.com.



PATRICIANS
A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP
Patrician meeting will be on February 17th (3rd Monday) at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Topic: Why call Mary "Mother of God" with Father Michael Jeeva Antony as our Spiritual Advisor.


PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
"Have a Holy Hour every week. Start praying. Pray for guidance and trust in God." ~ St. John Vianney
Please sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Call Dan and Sarah Rice at 541-582-3717 for information.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!
A belated thank you to the 7 men and 5 ladies who volunteered to take down the Christmas decorations. With so much help everything was cleaned up and put away in 90 minutes. Thank you one and all.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
M. Feb. 3: Paul Seidl
T. Feb. 4: +Florence McGillicuddy
W. Feb. 5: The Janes Family
Th. Feb. 6: Dr. & Mrs. Paul J. Marguglio & Family
Fri. Feb. 7: +Brian Syverson
8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
M. Feb. 3: Rose Coyle
T. Feb. 4: Catholic Daughters
W. Feb. 5: The Batzer Family
Th. Feb. 6: +Richard Hoyt
Fr. Feb. 7: +Freda Numair
Sat. Feb. 8: +Henry Jenkins

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: John Zeleznik, William Cummings, John Schmidt, Patti Wittenbrock, Linda Blixt, John Kuchler, William Carhart, Joan Bain, Rachel Scott, Jim Carrigan, Barney Deffley, Patti Otto, Jennifer White, Jeff Leroy, Alice Blenkush, Nanette Hall, Marie Casilio, Brian Chachere, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell, Marge Kearney, Dick & Beverly Handley.
Please pray for the deceased of our parish, and for their families, specially: +Joe Dujardin, +Margaret Steinkamp, +Anthony Bock, and +Jack Walker.

LITURGY CORNER
The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which we celebrate on February 2, reminds us that respecting God's laws and commandments is part and parcel of following Jesus Christ. Our lives are transformed and more joyful when considering the precepts and commandments of Christian life as expressions of love. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is, for example, not simply something we have to do, but rather a joyful opportunity to grow in our relationship with God. And what could be more wonderful?
"I feel being a Eucharistic Minister is an honor and privilege. Seeing the faithful come forward for the Host or Chalice, the Grace of the Lord is profoundly visible. I feel blessed to be a Eucharistic Minister. I thank the Lord for letting me serve Him in this manner. I pray I will always be deserving of this honor." – Carl Sander
There is joy in serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector! Please call or e-mail abrophy@shcs.org to schedule a training. We need you! Thanks, Ann

BLESSING OF THROATS

The Memorial of St. Blaise on Monday, February 3 is the traditional day for the blessing of throats. St. Blaise's feast day is commemorated with a blessing of throats because legend says that he cured a young boy choking on a fish bone. The formula of blessing is: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." The blessings of throats may take the place of the final blessing of the Mass and will be given at both our 7:00 and 8:30 morning Masses on February 3.

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

St. Mary's school is hosting a NET retreat! The retreat will be held at St. Mary's on February 13th from 4PM to 9PM. NET retreats are a great way to deepen your spirituality. These retreats are hosted by young adults and include games, skits, praise and worship, small group discussions and personal testimonies. This retreat is high energy and will open your eyes to a new and deeper faith in God. For info or to RSVP, email: jmeyer@smschool.us.



CONFIRMATION

Our next class is Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

All are invited to pray the Rosary at 8:00 a.m. with fellow parishioners every morning before the 8:30 Mass. Following Mass the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed Monday-Saturday. Time well spent.

We are missing 2 roasting pans from the Hall. They are large electric ones that food can be cooked in or kept warm in. If you took one home for some reason please return it. Thanks.

THANK YOU, KNIGHTS!

January 19's Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the Knights and served by the RCIA team and candidates, was a ton of fun and a huge success! Then the Knights donated the proceeds - \$757!! - to the RCIA ministry. Wow! Thank you so much, Sacred Heart's Knights of Columbus for your huge generosity and dedication to those coming into the Catholic Church! The Knights said they found the RCIA servers to be a wonderful group, and the feeling was mutual. Through the Knights, what a warm welcome our RCIA candidates experience, and many of the men coming into the Church often become Knights because of this.

The funds will subsidize the study materials used by the children, teen, and adult RCIA candidates, help host the parish reception after the Easter Vigil, and cover the vicariate reception hosted by Sacred Heart after the Rite of Election next year. RCIA is most grateful to the Knights and to our parish community which supports them in their fundraising breakfasts and spaghetti dinners. Thanks so much!
Ann Brophy, RCIA Director

Financial Report

	1/19/2014	1/20/2013
Total Offertory received this week	\$12,103.84	\$14,102.13
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$534,884.72	\$559,353.93
Needed for Budget	\$523,603.40	\$523,584.90
Over (under) Budget	\$11,281.32	\$35,769.03

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

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MARIAN IMAGE

February 4 thru February 9th, our Rogue Valley Council #1594 of the Knights of Columbus will present a special image of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception to the Parish. This image honors the same image enshrined above the main altar of the Basilica Cathedral of Notre Dame of Quebec. The year 2014 marks the cathedral's 350th anniversary. The Quebec Cathedral is the oldest parish church in North America.

Pope Francis blessed this framed image in the summer of 2013. The Holy Father stated, "Mary joins us, she fights at our side.... especially through prayer, through the rosary.... Do you pray the Rosary each day?"

See the image displayed in our church each day and join in the Rosary at 8:00 a.m. Come and pray with one heart and mind to honor our Lady.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This month, the Spiritual Life Committee would like to shine their spotlight on the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, celebrated on February 11. In 1858, Our Lady appeared eighteen times at Lourdes, in the Pyrenees Mountains of southern France, to Bernadette Soubirous, a fourteen year old, illiterate peasant girl. Important to first note though is that the Church does not require belief in any apparition or other private revelation. However, the Church does exercise judgment for the protection of the faithful, and investigations into alleged apparitions are rigorous. Lourdes has been judged by the Church to be "worthy of belief", the miracles of healing there a testimony to its authenticity.

"Penitence, penitence, penitence," the Lady of the Grotto urged Bernadette. "Pray to God for the conversion of sinners." "When we don't know how to pray, we ask St. Joseph," Bernadette would gradually learn. "I don't promise to make you happy in this world, but in the next," promised Our Lady who identified herself to Bernadette as "The Immaculate Conception." "I will do everything for heaven..." Bernadette later wrote. "There, I will find my Mother in the brilliance of her glory."

Dying at age 35, Bernadette was canonized in 1933, not because of her visions but for the virtue and love she displayed throughout her whole life. In her personal diary, this humble woman, now a Sister in the congregation of the Sisters of Nevers, wrote, "My good Mother, give me a heart that is burning for Jesus. O Immaculate Mary, O glorious St. Joseph! And you, St. John, beloved disciple, give me the great knowledge of how to love! May it be irresistible..." "J'aime" (I love), were Bernadette's last words.

As we think about Our Lady of Lourdes and Bernadette, we are struck that these years on earth are a starting point for the next world. Let us not waste the precious time given us to love. Let us put ourselves into the same school as our dear Bernadette who learned so much from Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes. (*The Basic Catholic Catechism* by Fr. William Most; *15 Days of Prayer with St. Bernadette of Lourdes*, Francois Vayne, Ligouri Publications, 1998.)

To learn more, [The Wonders of Lourdes](#) gives 150 narratives about Lourdes - its history, spirituality, and miraculous healings. [Bernadette, the Little Girl from Lourdes](#) introduces children to the amazing story of Mary's apparitions through lovely watercolor illustrations and lively text. Both may be ordered at www.magnificat.com.

If you have moved or changed your phone number please call the office and we will update your record. Thank you.



GET THE BULLETIN MID-WEEK!

The bulletin is currently emailed to about 60 parishioners. They can see it in all its' glorious color! If you would like to be on the list let me, Eileen, know at ekralik@shcs.org. I'd be glad to send it to you.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Evening Meeting will be held at Louise Gorman's home on Thursday, February 6th, at 5:45 pm. Call Louise for directions at 541-776-2441.

Daytime Meeting will be held Monday, February 10th, at 11:00, a.m. in the Parish Hall. Our speaker will be Father Michael.

Please make plans to attend the meeting and stay for a spaghetti lunch. Bring a salad or dessert to share and your own place setting.

Agenda items: the Mother's Day Plant Sale; Easter Monday Luncheon; and a "Christmas in July" craft sale.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 16th, scrambled eggs & ham, biscuits & gravy, pancakes and even French toast will be served up in the Hall. Come on over and enjoy with a cup of nice, hot coffee. Cost is \$18.00 per family, \$6.00 adults, and \$2.00 children under 10 years old. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Youth Group.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

All women of the parish are invited to join us **Tuesday, February 4th** at 8:00 a.m. with rosary in the church, then 8:30 Mass. Following Mass we will gather in the Hall for fellowship before our meeting at 9:30 a.m. Bring a light snack to share. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Our guest speaker will be Father Michael, sharing his own spiritual journey.

As we begin the new year remember your \$25.00 dues.

Please join us as we come together as women of faith to embrace the principles of faith, and to positively influence the welfare of the Church in fellowship and support of each others spiritually.

Yours In Christ,
Connie Moyer, Regent



COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come over after the morning Mass and enjoy some coffee and chit chat.

February 2nd 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. Catholic Daughters
February 9th 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul



RETURN OF THE QUILTERS!

Another year of sewing and quilting has begun! We have a lot of possible project ideas. We've decided to help out doing baskets for charities, such as Magdalene Home Auction, the St Patrick's Day dinner and Hadley Hope's Casino Night.



This session we learned how to make tissue pack holders. We will put these in the tote bags for children in foster care. They were soooo easy and fun to make!

Next time we will make more tote bags and/or pillowcases, plus work on our things for the baskets. We do have lots of material to use for our projects.

We will meet next on Thursday, February 13th from 9AM to 12:30.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacramental Preparation meeting, for parents and children making First Communion this year is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th in the Parish Hall. For information contact Mary Stallard at 541-779-4661.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING

The local Secular Franciscan Fraternity meet every third Sunday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room. If you are feeling the tug to enrich your faith journey to Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, you are welcome to come and see.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

The Legion of Mary brings Communion to those who cannot come to Mass. People in hospitals, nursing homes, foster care homes, retirement centers, and private homes. It is a spiritually satisfying task, but a formidable one in a city of this size with an aging population. Training is provided. If you can spare an hour or two a week to help with this vital spiritual work of mercy, please leave your name at the office and we'll be in touch with you.



ANGEL BANQUET AUCTION

Time to buy your tickets to the 2014 Magdalene Home Angel Banquet Auction- 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

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