



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 (32B)

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10 GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

FROM FATHER JUSTUS ALAETO

**Lent is a special season
to let our faith grow stronger in Christ!**

At every event of our daily life is faith's journey. In the journey of faith, we encounter joy, we encounter love and guidance from the Lord. At other times, we encounter challenges, doubt, unbelief, and uncertainties, which may even tempt us to abandon God's way, and seek for our own way. However, what makes any situation faithful in our relationship with God is that we keep the faith moving with perseverance, despite challenges or crisis.

In the book of Exodus 17:3-4, Israel's faith was challenged at Massah and Meribah, to the extent that they began to question: "is God still with us or not"? Sometimes we do have situations that remind us of Israel's experience at Massah and Meribah. Sometimes we have situations that prompt us to question whether God is with us or not, or whether God exists. At those moments, we become spiritually empty. We hunger for life the world cannot give, we hunger for peace, love, and charity the world cannot give etc. We are hungering for "living water." It is normal in faith's journey, but as Christ's followers we do not give up our faith, rather it is a time to even pray more, grow more in

patience, love more, forgive more, and persevere more in the Lord. We keep on until we encounter Christ like the Samaritan woman in John 4:5ff..... The Samaritan woman's jar was empty of living water as she nears the well of Jacob. Through her perseverance in her conversation with Christ, her faith in Christ grew deep, and gained spiritual momentum in Christ, and immediately she recognized who Jesus is for her. Her whole life was transformed instantly, and her recognition of Christ became a living water that refilled all the empty jars of her life.

We are now in the fourth week of Lent. At this acceptable time, Lent is offering us time to let our faith grow deeper in our Savior Jesus Christ. We can use this Lenten season wisely like the Samaritan woman, and allow Christ to refill all our spiritually empty jars. There are many spiritual jars in our life that are empty of Christ's life. There are many that are empty of love, empty of holiness, empty of forgiveness and understanding, empty of patience with God and neighbor, empty of charity, empty of peace, empty of prayer, and so many other things required by the Lord. We are still in Lent, we can go deeper with our encounter with the Lord, and we can be amazed how transforming, joyful, healing, and fulfilling it can be to encounter Christ!

OLIVEWOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Olivewood carvings will be available for purchase after all Masses next weekend, March 21 & 22. The proceeds help support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land. This is the major source of income for them there. The wares for sale come from more than 80 families in Bethlehem. They are very beautiful and unique items.(Nativities, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues). Please look for them outside the Hall after Mass next weekend. The Christian population in the Holy Land has dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the past two decades. This is a way to support them allowing them to stay there. Thank you.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart, Medford
Thursday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. St. Anne's, Grants Pass
Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart, Medford

"We are too fond of flinging our own faults behind our backs, so that we may fix all our attention on the foibles and failings of others." ~ St. Prior

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday evening
5:30 p.m. English, 7:00 p.m. Spanish
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper in Hall hosted by the Hispanic Community

Confessions:

Saturdays: 2:30 to 5:15 p.m.

All Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** - refraining from eating meat by all Catholics ages 14 and older.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: Saturday Vigil, March 29, 5:30

Sunday, March 30: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m.
10:15 in Jacksonville

Tenebrae 8:30 a.m. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (no daily Mass)

Holy Thursday: April 2

7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass with *Rice Bowl* collection.

Adoration in Hall after Mass till Midnight

Good Friday: April 3

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross/Spanish Stations in Hall at noon
followed by Divine Mercy Novena

3:00 p.m. English Service followed by Divine Mercy Novena

5:30 p.m. English Service

7:30 p.m. Spanish Service

Easter Vigil: 8:30 p.m. Bi-lingual Mass

NO 5:30 P.M. Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday: April 5, 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., noon (all with hall overflow)
10:15 in Jacksonville

NO 5:00 p.m. MASS on Easter

**Please park in the
county lot on 10th
St. if possible for
all services.**

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER Six or seven volunteers are needed. We will start at 9:30 on Saturday, April 4th, and with enough people we should be done by 11:00. Please call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292 if you are able to help.

ROSARY SALE

Sunday, March 22

8:00AM – 2:00PM (new time)

It's First Communion, Mother's Day
and Confirmation time again.

Come, see what we have
for your special someone.

Questions? Call Bertha at 541-245-6981

LEGION OF MARY meets on Wednesday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall. You are welcome to join us. It is a great privilege to bring Jesus' presence, the Eucharist, to the parishioners who can no longer come to Church.

COFFEE AND DONUTS SCHEDULE

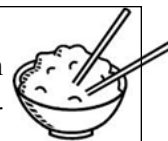


March 15 7:00 & 8:30 - St. Vincent de Paul

March 22 7:00 & 8:30 - TBA

HUNGERING FOR PEACE

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to Lebanon to be present to a people who themselves are on a journey. Here we meet a family of Syrian refugees, a family perhaps not so unlike our own. We are challenged through our almsgiving this week to reach out to those who are forced to flee their homes, who are seeking shelter in a land of peace.



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. March 16: +Don Lehmkuhl
T. March 17: Jan Sieg
W. March 18: +Lewis & +Rina Cozzalio
Th. March 19: +Michael & +Margaret O'Keefe
F. March 20: +Jennifer Ferrin Galster

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. March 16: Juana, Jesus, & Elfego Estrada
T. March 17: Kristen Lombard
W. March 18: Maria Cooper
Th. March 19: +Padre Cy Leach
F. March 20: Juana, Jesus, & Elfego Estrada
S. March 21: Catholic Daughters

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Joan Molatore, Diane Williams, George Halvorsen, Justin Berlandi, Robert Goodhead, Frank Perez, Kim George, Victor Eakin, Sharon Anderson, Kathy Kim, Vicki & Lorraine Harris, Beth Curl, James Herndon, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Paul Zeleznik, Carmen Aitken, Pamela Demian, Eileen Van Dyck, John Kuchler, Beverly & Dick Handley, and Shizuka McCue. **Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially:** +Marjorie Carter, +Katherine Jean Sterling, +Phyllis Wager, and +Patches James Nizuk.



Thank you from Sacred Heart School to all the wonderful parishioners who have been so generous. We have received dozens of pairs of socks for our **“SOCKAPALOOZA”** collection. These will be brought to St. Vincent de Paul to help out the homeless during the (sometimes) cold winter months.

You have also been extremely magnanimous in donating Box Tops and Campbells Soup labels. This has been exceedingly helpful in purchasing new playground balls, chalk and other items for recess.

The school is deeply appreciative!

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Easter Monday luncheon, April 6th, at Twin Creeks at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$18 which includes a buffet and a fashion show. We still need items for our baskets.

Our **plant sale** is Sunday, May 3rd so get your seedlings growing!



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!



YARD WORK AT ST. JOSEPH'S J-VILLE

Every Thursday of 2015 at 9AM yard work will commence for 2015 to accommodate schedules. Wednesday is always open for weeding, just bring your own tools that day. Thank you. St. Joseph's is on the corner of 4th & D, Jacksonville.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Check out our Kiosk with dozens of CDs, Books & Pamphlets on many aspects of our Catholic Faith. New titles available weekly! It is available in the Hall on Sundays, during Coffee and Donuts and during Father Ken's Bible Studies.



THIRD ORDER GET TOGETHER “SHOWER”

The Secular Franciscans are hosting the 4th gathering of the Augustinians, Benedictines, Carmelites, Dominicans, Holy Name Associates in So. Oregon, Saturday, March 21. We begin with 8:30 a.m. Mass, followed by fellowship/pot luck brunch in the Hall. This is a “Shower” to benefit the SVDP which is in need of **bath** towels (new or gently used). Bring yourselves, a brunch dish, a towel and your game on for some fun.

Email michelebrodoski@gmail.com for more information or call Debbie Wasche, OFS at 541-274-0487.

COME and help WEED!

Wednesday Weeders will meet every Wednesday until Easter. We work at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Join us and help beautify the Church and Hall grounds. Bring your own gloves and hand tools. Call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292 with any questions.

PARISH PICNIC COORDINATOR

We need an organizer to coordinate the 2015 Parish Picnic which is scheduled during the summer. We know you have great ideas to make the picnic even better this year, and we have a great team of seasoned parishioners willing to help. Please call Melanie at (541) 779-4454 if you are interested.

Advertiser of the Week

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SOUTHERN OREGON MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

April 23-26 at St. Rita's Retreat Center “I am the true shepherd... I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” John 10:11-18.

Contact Jim Harlan at 541-941-5025 to register

Financial Report

	3/1/2015	3/2/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$18,144.23	\$18,055.29
Offertory received current week	\$21,609.45	\$24,254.28
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$625,600.50	\$644,045.23
Needed for Budget	\$635,048.06	\$631,935.14
Over (under) Budget	(\$9,447.56)	\$12,110.09

Thank you to all who contribute to the support of the parish. On-line giving is now available. If you are interested, please call the office.



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY
To obtain Youth Ministry Information
Contact: Whitney Compton at
 wcompton@archdpx.org Please e-mail
 her for her Mobil number.

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):

Come Join Us.

Middle School Semester Topic: The Creed

Middle School Youth Group: Game Changer
 (an Edge Morning on the Resurrection)

High School Semester Topic: Morality

High School Youth Group: Black and Bleached
 (Moral Relativism and the Role of Conscience)

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT!

Sacred Heart will have a retreat for our middle school
 (6th -8 Gr.) coming up Saturday, April 25. Registration will
 open on March 22. Registration packets will be available
 at youth group.

*Core team: Our next planning meeting will take place on
 March 22, 2015 from 11a-12p, in the SHYM Youth Room.*

CONFIRMATION:

On March 18th 2015 Group A will meet for Class 11!
 REMINDER: Your Test is next month, if you have ques-
 tions about the material or date, please contact Whitney.
 ALSO, your letter of intention to the Bishop and Father
 Ken was due Feb. 14, 2015. If it has not yet been turned in
 please contact Whitney Compton and turn in Letter of
 Intent as soon as possible. Baptismal Certificates are due
 by March 31st 2015.

*NOTE: CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL OBSERVE
 SPRING BREAK ON MARCH 25th 2015 and APRIL 1st
 2015 – On April 8th 2015 Group B will meet for Class 11!*

CONFIRMATION MASS:

This year Sacred Heart will have one bi-lingual
 Confirmation Mass which will take place Sunday, May 17
 at 7:00 p.m. This year’s celebrant is: Archbishop Vlazny!

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB):

TOB (based on the theology of John Paul II) is a teen
 study program that will meet on Wednesdays during the
 summer (note: program was developed for high school
 teens). PARENTS! Join us for an informational meet-
 ing in the Sacred Heart Youth Room on Tuesday April 7th
 2015 from 7:00-8:30p.

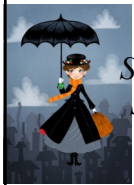
Going Beyond Teen Chastity; Teens are facing unique
 challenges in the culture today. These challenges, espe-
 cially those concerning sexuality and human and divine
 love, deserve more than the outdated “do this, don’t do
 that” approach to catechesis. Today’s challenges need to
 be addressed with a “new language” that explains how
 authentic Christianity makes sense because it corresponds
 perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:

To receive our information e-mail on Young Adult Social
 and Spiritual events and opportunities, and community
 news please contact Whitney Compton via e-mail.

Sacred Heart Middle School Presents

MARY POPPINS



Saturday, March 14 at 7 PM

Sunday, March 15 at 2 PM

In the school gym
 at Holly & 11th St.

The performances are FREE!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

New Activity Mass Pages for Kids

Now the children have their own bulletins!! Please take one of the new children’s activity
 pages for your child to complete at Mass or at home with you. The yellow page is for chil-
 dren ages 3-6 while the blue page is for children ages 7-11. The Bulletins correspond with
 one of our Sunday Mass readings. The children’s bulletins will be located in the racks at the back of the
 church. Please give me your feedback so I can ascertain whether to continue with this option on a weekly
 basis. **Religious Education Classes** are open to any child from Preschool through 5th grade every Sunday
 at 9:50 to 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart School. Enrolment for these classes remains open throughout the
 school year. So come and join the fun!! It’s never too late!! For further information or questions
 contact Mary Stallard 541-779-4661 ext: 107