



### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3-7 (28A)

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

#### FATHER KEN'S KORNER

##### On the Healthy Habit of Daily Scripture Reading

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis offered this practical advice to a crowd gathered at Santa Maria dell'Orazione Parish in Rome: "If you get a seat on a crowded bus, you should use your travel time to read a few lines from the Bible...A Christian's first task is to listen to the word of God, to listen to Jesus, because he speaks to us and saves us with his word." He went on to add that every Catholic should "carry a small Bible or pocket edition of the Gospels and should find at least a few minutes every day to read the word of God" according to Catholic News Service. In this way, Pope Francis was encouraging each of us to make sure we are daily fed by the living word of God. This goal is possible even for those who are unable to attend daily Mass to be fed by the Eucharist.

For those of you who have the opportunity to take advantage of our modern technology through the use of a cell phone with data access, you could easily substitute a pocket Bible for any number of free phone applications that would accomplish the same thing. For example on my data phone I have made use of the award winning free application "Laudate" which provides not one but two translations of the Bible available at my fingertips. This type of technology helps to accomplish the same goal.

One challenge to this goal, though, is that there are still many Catholics today who you and I know that think daily reading of scripture is a "Protestant thing" and that "we have the Eucharist". This is a sad sentiment and a false choice. It is as false as what one Christian minister said to me a few years ago. "You Catholics have St. Peter

(i.e. we have the Pope/the Magisterium) but St. Paul is ours". This is a false choice. It is not an either/or choice. Both St. Peter and St. Paul were Catholic. In the same way, Catholics should look at both the Eucharist and Sacred Scripture as part of our "Daily Bread". If the Catholic Church assembled and produced the original Bible then Catholic Christians, more than any other group, should be daily reading the book our faith community produced.

Just consider the gospel accounts of the last two Sundays of Lent in support of Pope Francis' challenge to daily read the Bible. Two weeks ago, we heard that Jesus overcame the devil's temptation in the desert by praying, fasting and making use of quotes from Sacred Scripture to refute the devil. Knowledge of Sacred Scripture was an effective defensive weapon against the temptation to sin. And last Sunday we heard the Father's words from Heaven during the Transfiguration: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Pope Francis reminds us that the best way to listen to the Son is by daily reading from the Gospels where we hear his words spoken to us. He added that Jesus wants to "make our faith more robust and stronger with his word" but "do we take a bit of time each day to listen to Jesus?"

The daily reading of scripture is a life-changing habit. Not only would it be a great thing to do during Lent but each and every day of our lives. Pope Francis smilingly said he will be checking next Sunday to see who in the crowd can pull out their own pocket copy of the Bible from their handbag or purse just to see who has been listening. Maybe us Catholics from the Medford area will consider joining in on this challenge.

**LENT**

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays 5:30 p.m. English  
7:00 p.m. Spanish

**Soup Supper in Hall:** Fridays 6:00 p.m.

**Confessions:**  
Saturdays: 3:00 to 5:15 p.m.



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

**Reconciliation Services:**

Tuesday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart  
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Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart  
Thursday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mountain  
Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne's, Grants Pass  
Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's, Roseburg

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS/SOUP SUPPER**

Come, pray and break bread this Lent with your parish community! Every Friday during Lent, English Stations of the Cross begin at 5:30, followed by a Parish Soup Supper hosted by a Hispanic parish group and on 4/4, by the Knights of Columbus. Stations in Spanish begin at 7:00 p.m.

*"It is not always in the soul's power not to feel a temptation. But it is always in its power not to consent to it." ~ St. Francis de Sales*

**ROSARY SALE -- APRIL 6**

Come see all the varieties and colors of rosaries made by the Rosary Guild. These are wonderful Easter, First Communion, and Confirmation gifts. All proceeds benefit the making of rosaries for the missions and the military. Sale is Sunday, April 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP SUPPER**

Knights of Columbus will be serving up homemade New England clam chowder on Friday, April 4th after 5:30 Stations of the Cross. This old family recipe is sure to please and will be accompanied by bread and coleslaw.

**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.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES**

**Palm Sunday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m.

**Palm Sunday:** 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., noon, and 5:00 p.m. with 10:15 a.m. in Jacksonville

**Tenebrae:** 8:30 a.m. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. Bilingual

**Good Friday:** 12:00 noon

**Stations of the Cross**

English in Church  
Spanish in Hall

3:00 p.m.

**Good Friday Service**

Reading of the Passion  
Veneration of the Cross  
Communion

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:** 9:00 p.m. Bilingual (no Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass)

**Easter:** 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., & noon, with 10:15 a.m. in Jacksonville

**No 5:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday**

Please park in the county lots (across 10th St.) if possible as we expect services to be crowded. There will be overflow in the Parish Hall for most services.

**SOUTHERN OREGON MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

April 24-27 at St. Rita's Retreat Center, Gold Hill  
Adoration – Community – Theology – Service  
Contact: Jim Harlan at 541-941-5025 or email [harlanfamily2@juno.com](mailto:harlanfamily2@juno.com) "Let Go – Let God"

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES  
RICE BOWL - Philippines**

This week CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Option for the Poor*, and reminded of Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for the least of mine, you did for me." Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us.



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise**.

**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!

*Please say a prayer for our youth going to "Pascua Juvenil", a 3 day retreat, March 28 -- 30 at the Medford Armory.*

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick of our parish especially: Pamela Demian, Patti Otto, Joan Bain, Linda Blixt, Jeff Leroy, William Cummings, Marie Casilio, Patti Wittenbrock, John Kuchler, Rachel Scott, Jennifer White, Nanette Hall, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell, Marge Kearney, Dick & Beverly Handley.

**Please pray for the deceased of our parish, and for their families, especially:**  
+Don Kocina, +Betty Thomas, and +Lois Tokar.

**7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

- M. March 24: Allen Bricker
- T. March 25: Connie Hanker
- W. March 26: +Melvin Rhodes
- Th. March 27: +John Conlan
- Fri. March 28: Connie Hanker

**8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

- M. March 24: +Bill Wickfold
- T. March 25: +Taylor Libby
- W. March 26: +William Sanderson Jr.
- Th. March 27: +Margaret Steinkamp
- Fr. March 28: +Janice Gnos
- Sat. March 29: +Ralph Cavanaugh

**LITURGY CORNER**

"One of the things that distinguishes Catholic Christianity from other world religions is our understanding of sacred texts. We believe in the Revealed, Living Word. We believe that God has spoken God's Word throughout all of history. In the fullness of time, God spoke God's saving Word in Christ. We believe that even though the texts of the New Testament were written many years after Christ's death, they are, by the power of the Spirit, faithful testimony to the encounter of early Christian communities with the living Word of God."

*(Becoming Word for One Another: A Spirituality for Lectors, Richard R. Gaillardetz, Liguori Press, Liguori, MO)*

"I love being a lector! In preparing the readings, every single word becomes very important. The message comes alive and touches my heart. The marvelous stories in the Old Testament and the writings in the New Testament awaken God's message in me. To the best of my abilities as a lector, it's a joy to share this awakening..." - Juanita Bright

Please consider becoming a lector or Eucharistic minister! For more information or to schedule a training, please call or e-mail [abrophy@shcs.org](mailto:abrophy@shcs.org). Thank you! Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate

**ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS**

Plans for the annual Easter Monday Luncheon are well on the way. Jane Horton has accepted Chairmanship, Joyce DeZell & Louise Gorman make up the rest of the committee. Location is Twin Creeks, on Monday, April 21st. Tickets are \$15.00, and can be purchased by calling Louise at 541-776-2441. Tickets will be on sale after Mass, in a couple of weeks.

Items are needed for 5 different baskets: Spa, Kitchen, Organic, Wine, and Garden Baskets. Items can be dropped off by calling Louise Gorman, at the above number.



Thank you, Father Michael, for the inspirational words on Lent ..... Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving.

**THANKS from FATHER KEN and us all!**

Many thanks to the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful Irish celebration last Saturday evening. It was a great time to gather and celebrate St. Patrick, enjoy good food, and share in good company. There is always much labor and time put into such events and so we Thank You!



**SPRING CLEANING**

Wednesday weeders will continue to meet weekly until Easter to clean-up the grounds around the church and hall. We start at 9:30 and are usually finished before 11:00. Join us for all or part of that time. Bring gloves and your own hand tools. For more information call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS**

**2424 N. Pacific Hwy., Medford 541-772-3828**

 At the URBAN REST STOP in February a record number of persons were served: 506 showers and 133 laundry loads. What a blessing for people in need to have a place to shower and wash their clothing. Thank you volunteers for all you do to help the poor of our area.

A "Volunteer Couple" is needed for Fridays. To Volunteer - please call 541-772-3828 - (Ext.7)

**Thank you Advertiser of the Week --**  
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**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](mailto:bkantor@hotmail.com).



**COFFEE AND DONUTS**

Come to the Hall and enjoy some social time and donuts after the morning Masses.

7:00 a.m. hosted by: Liberty Garachico Family  
 8:30 a.m. hosted by: The Bryant Family



**Financial Report**

	3/9/2014	3/10/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$17,216.61	\$15,606.23
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$664,215.47	\$679,644.22
Needed for Budget	\$649,990.43	\$645,754.71
Over (under) Budget	\$14,225.04	\$33,889.51

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

**St. Rita Retreat Center is**

located on 62 wooded acres on the side of Gold Hill Mountain overlooking the beautiful Rogue River Valley of southern Oregon. For information about St. Rita's, upcoming group or personal retreats or to schedule a retreat **click on this link** [www.stritaretreast.org](http://www.stritaretreast.org) you can also check us out on **You Tube or face book**.

## SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY!

Parents keep an eye out in the bulletin for a scheduled informational night regarding all Summer Events for our Sacred Heart Youth!

**Steubenville Update:** Great NEWS! Steubenville just got BIGGER and BETTER! Natalie and the youth group from St. Anne's in Grants Pass have invited us to join them and combine our Steubenville trips!!! This will add more fellowship, AND an extra day of fun and exciting activities *Just For You*. We will now be departing on our great adventure, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and will return on July 28<sup>th</sup> in the evening. The extra day of fun will take place on July 24<sup>th</sup> at *Silverwood Theme Park* (on our way to Spokane, WA for the Steubenville Northwest Summer Youth Conference). We have added a day of fun; however, this raises the cost of the trip. It will now cost \$405.00 per youth. Have no fear! There will be a variety of different fund raisers for your child to participate in. There are a limited number of spots on the Greyhound bus that we have rented, don't wait! Sign up today!!! Registration will be open until the bus is full, but it won't take long to fill with the invitation open to both Sacred Heart and St. Anne's in Grants Pass.

**Project Revamp:** This is a 3 part event to revamp the Sacred Heart youth room. **Phase One** will take place on April 13, 2014 from 3-6pm. This first phase is an event for the youth (6th-12th grade, and any parent volunteers) at Sacred Heart to help choose colors for the youth room and begin to grow in fellowship and com-

munity. We will gather in the Parish Hall at 3:00pm. We will be providing pizza for the youth and will have some games to play. The youth will be able to choose paint colors and also share their ideas about what should be done in the youth room to make it a comfortable space for them to meet. The event will end with Mass together as a group at 5:00pm. For your teen to participate in this event the Emergency Information Form must be filled out and turned in to Whitney Compton in the Parish Office (one form per person, not one form per household). **Phase two** will be cleaning out and organizing the youth room, and painting the primer on the walls in preparation of phase three. **Phase three** will be to paint, move donations (couches and rugs) to the youth room and put it all together. Look in the bulletin for more information (time and date) about phase two and three of Project Revamp. To insure we have enough food for all the youth you need to sign up for this event! *How?* Just contact Whitney Compton in the parish office, let her know how many of your children will be attending (If she is unavailable, just leave her a message stating the event, Project Revamp, your family name and how many will be attending) and you're in!



### CONFIRMATION

Our next class is Wednesday,  
**April 9, 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Just a reminder that there are **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Classes for the next two Sundays March 23 & 30<sup>th</sup> -- Spring Break.

Lent's holy drama stirs the senses: the dark purple cloths on the altar; the smell of the fragrant incense; the hush during the Stations of the Cross; the feel of the wood on the crucifix during veneration...and even the delicious soups in the parish hall on Friday nights...all create memories your family will hold in their hearts.

You can create more memories with your children this year so that "prayer, fasting, and almsgiving" become more than just big words for "no video games for 40 days." Turn these three basic elements of Lent into deep holy experiences for your family.

We can begin with Prayer.....

Those in your family who have made their first reconciliation should go to celebrate the sacrament during Lent. Help little ones think about to whom they should say "I'm sorry" each day.

Move your family's crucifix so it is near your front door (or whichever door you use the most). It will serve as a daily visual reminder of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Attend the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30pm. Before you go, read the book "Stations of the Cross for Children", so even the youngest members of your family can follow along. You can find out more about praying the Stations for children online.

Next week we will explore the "Fasting" portion of Lent for children and families.

*Religious Education Classes are open to any child from Preschool -- 5<sup>th</sup> grade every Sunday at 9:50 a.m. until 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 information or questions contact Mary Stallard 541- 779-4661 ext: 107*



Make the decision this Lent to invite Christ to enrich and transform your marriage. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** ([wwme.org](http://wwme.org)) is offering two weekend retreats in Oregon this spring: **April 25-27** at **Powell Butte Retreat Center** near Bend, & **May 30-June 1** at **Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center** in Beaverton. WWME, a Catholic lay movement for over 45 years, seeks to “proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the World”. Apply online at [rediscoverthespark.org](http://rediscoverthespark.org) or by phone at 503-853-2758.

### **Oregon 2014 Citizens Initiative STOP TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION**

Today, more than 4 in 10 abortions -- approximately 4,000, are fully paid for by Oregon taxpayers. This Citizens Initiative will not restrict a woman’s legal ability to choose abortion, but it will insure that taxpayers who are morally or fiscally opposed to paying for abortions will no longer be forced to. In the next weeks the Jackson County Right to Life will have volunteers here, and across Southern Oregon collecting signatures to get this petition on the ballot.

Follow us/like us on Facebook at the Jackson County Right to Life page...  
Contact Sanda Collegio at 541-779-8587 and [lasanda4life@gmail.com](mailto:lasanda4life@gmail.com) to volunteer.

### **HOLY WEEK RETREAT**

St. Benedict’s Holy Week Retreat begins Thursday, April 17th with dinner and ends Easter Sunday, April 20th at noon. Cost is \$125 private room, \$90 double. Send \$30 deposit to register: 56630 North Bank Rd., McKenzie Bridge, 97413. For info: 541-822-3572 or [sblodge.opwest.org](http://sblodge.opwest.org)

### **ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Come pray the Rosary mornings at 8:00 a.m. - before Mass. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed after the 8:30 Mass; Monday-Saturday. The world needs more prayer.

