



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 (42ABC)

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

Happy Easter Joy to You and Yours!

Here are a few thoughts on Easter for you all to ponder in the form of an acrostic:

H / A is for ...Hallelujah or Alleluia – Hallelujah is a Hebrew compound word formed from two smaller words...hallal and Yah. Hallal means to praise and Yah is short for Yahweh, the name of God. In Greek, the word becomes Alleluia. In either language, it is a term of great joy associated with the songs of the angels praising God in Heaven. In the Mass, when we sing or say “Alleluia” we participate in the angels’ worship and the Mass becomes a temporary participation in Heaven. We are saying that, in one sense, the Kingdom of Heaven is already established on Earth. During Lent, however, our focus is on the Kingdom coming and so we refrain from the use of the word until Easter arrives. We welcome the word back into our vocabulary annually at the Easter Vigil with a joyful triple Alleluia as the Gospel is proclaimed!

P – P is for ...Passover to Pentecost – Easter is such an important event within the Christian faith that one day will just not do. We celebrate an Easter season which runs from Easter Vigil, where we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, to Pentecost, where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. But did you know that, before it was our holy season this period of time was already being celebrated by the Jews? The season was known as The Counting of the Omer. It ran from Passover (the festival recounting the Jews being passed over by the angel of death [10th plague of Egypt] and delivered from slavery out of Egypt) to Shavu’ot or The Festival of Weeks which we know today as Pentecost. It was the second of three major festivals for ancient Jews. It was celebrated for two reasons. First, historically the Jews celebrated the receiving of the Law or Torah on Mt. Sinai (Hag Matan Torateinu). Secondly, agriculturally, there was the celebration of the harvest of the first fruits that would be brought to the Temple as a way of thanking God for a plentiful harvest (Hag ha-Bikkurim). The season was meant to link the two feasts as a reminder that the Law of God and God’s saving action freeing His people from bondage allows them to bear much fruit [See Judaism 101].

Y is for Yes. In sin we are always saying “No” to

God’s law, God’s plan for us, God’s rightful authority in our lives. Adam and Eve said “No”...I will not serve! This is the devil’s favorite word too. Jesus showed us another way. In the Garden of Gethsemane he said “not my will but yours”. He said “Yes”. And the greatest saint of the Church...Mary, our mother, followed suit. She said, “Be it done to me according to your word”. She said “Yes”. Saying “Yes” to God is our pathway to new life in the Spirit and to Easter joy!

E is for ...the dating of Easter. As you may know, Easter is a moveable feast. Catholics calculate the date differently today than the way Jews calculate Passover. This formula was determined at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. First the Vernal Equinox is determined (the 1st day of Spring). Then we locate the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. Finally, since Easter must always be celebrated on a Sunday, Easter is determined as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox.

A is for ...Amen. Through the Eucharist, Catholics are able to renew their covenant with the Lord daily if they like. They are incorporated into the saving work of Jesus that he accomplished on the cross and through his resurrection and ascension into Heaven. They fulfill the command of Jesus at the Last Supper when he told us to “do this in remembrance of me”. And as John relayed to us in the sixth chapter of his gospel, through the Eucharist we have life within us. Therefore, when we receive the Lord, body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist, the least we can do is show a sign of our belief. When we hear “the body/blood of Christ” the proper answer is not “thank you” or silence but “Amen...This is true”

S is for Sunday. The early pagan association with this day was linked to sun worship. Pagans believed the sun god died each night as the sun set, and rose from the dead each morning with dawn. Sunday was not the Sabbath day for the Jews. They celebrated the Sabbath on Saturday. Early documents such as the Didache (approx. 65 AD) confirm that Christians intentionally shifted their Sabbath to Sunday because of the resurrection of Jesus. And with that shift, as with other things formally pagan, they “baptized” the day and Sunday, in effect, became Son-day as they worshiped the Son of God.

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T is for ... Theophany. A theophany is an encounter with God. In the case of all the Gospel readings that follow immediately after Easter Sunday, these are encounters with the Risen Lord. Doubting Thomas, the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Mary Magdalene, John and Peter racing to the tomb and many others. We hope that each of us, as Christians can add our names to the list as well as we also strive to encounter the Risen Jesus in our spiritual lives.

E is for Eostre, Eostarun and Easter eggs. Though our Christian celebration of Easter is inspired by Jesus' resurrection from the dead, over the centuries the feast has also picked up aspects or symbols from the pagan world linked with the image of new life. For instance, the name Easter is likely linked to the pagan goddess Eostre, who was associated with Spring and rebirth or Eostarun, the German word for dawn. Exchanging painted Easter eggs first occurred in ancient Persia and Egypt as symbols of fertility

and new life. Similarly, rabbits were also initially used as symbols of fertility. As with many other pagan customs, early Christian evangelists often took what was already in practice and "baptized" it for their own use in catechizing peoples and converting cultures over to Christian practice.

R is for Resurrection. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day just as he promised. He is the "first fruits" and a sign of hope for us all that reminds us that death is not the final word. Resurrection awaits us all one day when our souls will be reunited to our glorified bodies. But that experience of resurrection begins even now, spiritually, as God grants us new life in the spirit. Through faith, God desires that we begin even now to live as new creations, transformed by his grace. God bless you all and may you all know new life in Him.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWLY INITIATED CATHOLICS!

Congratulations and welcome to our parish's 15 newly initiated Catholics who came into full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil! They are Karen Zuniga, Jon Yacamouih, Teresa Jensen, Sharon Pugh, Joseph Espino, Yesenia Rodriguez, Kelly Kostol, Alexandra Green, Thomas Green, William Green, Infiniti Carranza, Anthony Cruthirds, Melanie Breidenthal, Sophia Torres-Martin, and Carla Kostol.

Thanks also to the RCIA team that taught and mentored them on their journey: RCIA children's catechist Shari Lloyd; teen catechists Kim O'Gara and Danielle Govenor; adult catechists Dennis Sinclair, Deacon Ron Filardi and the Fathers; and the RCIA team: Mary Jo and Bill Anderson, Don Lloyd, Cheryl Robertson, Jeannette Henault, and Kent Clinkenbeard, plus Easter Vigil hospitality coordinator Kathy Zoll. Their generosity of time and talent and their dedication to our RCIA candidates is such a blessing to our parish!

And thank you, Sacred Heart parishioners, for your prayers this year for those on the journey and your enthusiastic welcome of our newest Catholics in the months to come!

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a fully initiated Catholic, please give me a call to learn more about this wonderful journey of faith.

He has risen! Happy Easter! - Ann Brophy, RCIA Director

LIVING THE EUCHARIST!

The third and final cycle of the Lenten program *Living the Eucharist* has come to an end, but for those who participated, the commission to go forth and "*live the Eucharist!*" rings with a new urgency and meanings! Many thanks go to our *Living the Eucharist* coordinators, Sylvia Stephenson and BJ Buxton, who stepped forward two years ago and with a lovely spirit of creativity, organization, and love for the Lord, took on the coordination of this big, multi-year, Lenten program and opened its gifts for our parish. We are blessed by your work on our behalf. Thank you, and thank you to all who participated!

Could you not keep watch for one hour? Mk 14: 37

Please consider committing to a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration.



To sign up for Adoration please call Dan or Sarah 541-582-3717.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE - 3:00 p.m. on APRIL 27

"Jesus, I trust in you!" Tell Him this especially on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join us for the beautifully sung Divine Mercy Service on Sunday, April 27th, at 3:00 in the church. There will also be Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

St. Faustina reported Jesus saying to her, "Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion."

Join us at 3:00 on Sunday, 4/27, to celebrate the wonderful Mercy of the Lord toward us!

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:
Margaret Mucha, Joan Bain, Fran Stuart, Dolores Harmon,
Dawn De Vries, Donna Becker, Larry Beskow, Lisa Young,
Annelies Boivin, John Zeleznik, Nanette Hall, Eileen Van
Dyck, Pamela Demian, Patti Otto, William Cummings,
Marie Casilio, Rachel Scott, Patti Wittenbrock, John
Kuchler, Jennifer White, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell,
Marge Kearney, Dick & Beverly Handley.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish, and for their families, especially: +Evelyn Mary Lou Welch and
+Founder Mother Maria de los Dolores.

"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards Him. He awaits you with open arms." ~ Pope Francis



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. April 21: Erica Baldwin
T. April 22: +John Preston
W. April 23: +Bob Boyea
Th. April 24: +Augie Schettino
F. April 25: +Ralph Cavanaugh

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. April 21: +Elizabeth McCain
T. April 22: +Elizabeth McCain
W. April 23: +Elizabeth McCain
Th. April 24: +Morries Garbarini
F. April 25: +Elizabeth McCain
S. April 26: +John Preston

Financial Report

	4/6/2014	4/7/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$24,321.37	\$19,684.02
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$733,989.92	\$759,531.13
Needed for Budget	\$722,211.59	\$715,566.03
Over (under) Budget	\$11,778.33	\$43,965.10

Thank you for your generous support of the parish!

**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
"Let Go – Let God"

LITURGY CORNER

Happy Easter! We have completed our Lenten observance and now we come to "celebrate the Feast!" Easter lasts not for just one day but a whole season – fifty days, sometimes referred to as the "great Sunday." During the Easter Season, we will hear accounts of the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus that inspire us to carry the message of the Risen Lord to those we meet, like the early witnesses of the Risen Lord. The Scriptures we will hear during Easter Time reflect Jesus' words of prayer or instruction for the ones who will carry on his mission after His Ascension – and that would be us, now!

"I often think as the priest holds up the Body and Blood of Christ for us to adore and before the priest consumes Jesus' Body and Blood that I can see God's grace and love flowing to the priest, and then it continues through the priest to each of us. As a Eucharistic minister, I try to add to this mighty flow from Christ, my own small stream of prayer for each person as they come forth to receive this sacrament. " – Mary Jo Baich

This special season is a good time to recognize and thank our 200+ liturgical ministers who serve our Masses so beautifully and with such dedication. This Easter season, please take a moment to thank an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, usher, sacristan or choir member for their gift to you!

Wishing you and yours a joyous Easter – Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

Our parish helped make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world suffering from poverty and hunger. Your participation in CRS Rice Bowl will continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need throughout the year. Thank you to all who have turned in your gifts.



PATRICIANS CATHOLIC DISCUSSION

Patricians will meet Monday, April 28th (4th Monday of the month due to Easter) at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served. Father Michael is our Spiritual Director.

ST. ANNE'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS Happy Easter to all!

Rejoice in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Continue your celebration by attending the **Easter Monday Luncheon** tomorrow at Twin Creeks, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers for the coming year:

President: Joyce DeZell
Vice President: Vicenta Tapia
Secretary: Charlotte McManus
Treasurer: Sandra Pfeil



Installation will be held at The Sizzler, on Biddle Rd. at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, 17 May. Do make plans to attend and enjoy a delicious lunch.

The **Mother's Day Plant Sale** is just two weeks away and the plants are looking good! There is a great variety and plenty from which to choose.

POWERFUL PRAYER

The Rosary is prayed in the church at 8:00AM Monday thru Saturday before the 8:30 Mass. Please join us.

HOLD THE DATE!
Parish Picnic -- Saturday, July 12
Information to follow!

THE CHURCH LOOKS BEAUTIFUL!

Many thanks to BJ Buxton, Erica Baldwin, and crew for making our church so beautiful on Easter Sunday and during the Easter Season with lovely flowers and special touches. We are the happy and grateful beneficiaries of their floral talents and many hours of careful planning and work. Not wanting to leave until the church was all decorated for Easter, BJ left on Easter Sunday afternoon for Moscow, Russia to visit her daughter who lives and teaches there. We wish BJ a safe and happy trip, and we thank her, Erica and the team for the special Easter beauty we enjoy today and in the coming weeks.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING



The Secular Franciscans wish everyone a Blessed Easter. This month only we will meet on the 4th Sunday of the month starting at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be abbreviated so that all may attend the Divine Mercy Sunday service at 3:00 p.m. God bless you! Please visit us at our website: www.stfrancis-roguevalley-ofs.com.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this Appeal works to support mission dioceses here at home is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, which educate each seminarian at a cost of \$35,000–\$40,000 per year. Your support is needed for these young men, so that they can return to serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's Appeal.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord God, You desire to give pastors to your people. Through the intercession of your most holy Mother, spread forth over your Church the spirit of mercy and strength. Rise up worthy ministers for your altars and help make them valiant yet humble defenders of your Gospel. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY!

The time of waiting and preparing is over!
From the office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries,
I wanted to wish you all a HAPPY EASTER!!!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ has risen and He has
conquered sin and death.

“Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the
‘Feast of feasts,’ the ‘Solemnity of solemnities,’ just
as the Eucharist is the ‘Sacrament of sacraments’
(the Great Sacrament)” (CCC1169).

The resurrection of our Lord breaks the bond of sin
and death. I pray you are all renewed by this great
mystery of our faith and may you and your family
have a Blessed Easter Season!
Totus Tuus Maria, Whitney Kay Compton.



CONFIRMATION

Our next class is Wednesday,
April 23, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Sacred Heart Catholic School

is seeking an experienced, Catholic
leader to continue and advance a rich
heritage of Catholic Education. With an
enrollment of 260 students, Sacred Heart offers a
strong faith-formative
community and outstanding academic programs from
pre-kindergarten through the 8th grade.

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- Practicing Roman Catholic
- 5 plus years of teaching experience
- Current (or in process) administrative license
- Master's degree in education
- Three to five years of administrative service

For complete job listing : <http://www.archdpdx.org/schools/Openings/index.html>

Position starts July 1, 2014.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!



(By Joanna Fuchs)

*Religious Education Classes are open to any
child from Preschool -- 5th grade every Sunday
at 9:50 - 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart School.
Enrollment remains open throughout the school
year. So come and join the fun!!
Contact Mary Stallard 541- 779-4661 ext: 107*

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 on Facebook at the Jackson County Right to Life page... Contact Sanda Collegio at 541-779-8587 and lasanda4life@gmail.com to volunteer.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m.
Monday - Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday (English)

7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:15 a.m. St. Joseph --
Jacksonville --2nd and 4th --
Sunday of the month
12:00 noon
5:00 p.m.

Sunday (Spanish)

10:15 a.m.
1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30 to 5:15 p.m.
or by appointment.

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***Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed - 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for lunch.***

“What does it mean that Jesus is risen? It means that the love of God is stronger than evil and death itself; it means that the love of God can transform our lives and let those desert places in our hearts bloom.” ~~ Pope Francis

Have a joyful, blessed Easter! from Sacred Heart Church Staff

