



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 (50B)
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2 **GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

FROM FATHER JUSTUS ALAETO

Relationship of love with God (AGAPE)
essential components of the Gospel!

Faith is all about two things: believing in God, and relationship of love from belief in God. From the Ten Commandments, the Lord constituted the rules of faith when he said: "I give you a new commandment, love one another as I have loved you." In our world today, the average understanding of the word "love" is what the Greek word regards as "Eros" which is quite different from "Agape." In the case of agape love, one does not necessarily know who the beloved is, while in the case of *eros*, one always knows who the beloved is. So the relationship of love with Jesus is concerned with AGAPE LOVE, which means love in a humanitarian sense, love without limitation, and love that is charitable. Above all, charity and kindheart-

edness towards one another, constitutes the relationship of love with God. The greatest charge against the Jewish opponents of Jesus is that they did not have the love of God in them. They had no "agape love" in them. To have agape love is an attitude of a good and loving Christian. A good example is in the life of Jesus Christ. The life of Christ, is full of compassion, empathy, and everlasting love. These virtues were principal forces motivating all His life and action in the world. Jesus saw people in need and developed pity for their condition and situation. He never turned a blind eye to human problems, or bypassed any neglected individuals, no matter the situation or sinful nature of that person. To live the life of resurrection is to develop the spirituality of "Agape Love", as an essential component of the Gospel and of faith.

ROSARY SALE CANCELED

Father Justus has asked for as many rosaries as our Guild can make to take to Africa next month. We are happy for this service and will gladly accommodate him. And so we cancel our sale. If you wish to purchase a rosary please call Bertha at 541-245-6981.

Thank you to our parishioner who made pouches to hold the hearing devices that are tuned to our new sound system. We have heard from many on the benefit of the devices and now they are easy to carry and harder to forget in the pew!



Our profound and heartfelt thanks to our friends and parishioners who have been, and continue to, pray for the health of Isabella, our precious great granddaughter.

~~ Margherita and Murray LaHue

LEGION OF MARY

Come and observe the Legion of Mary meeting. We meet every Wednesday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall. If this is your calling you are welcome to join us. It is a great privilege to bring Jesus' presence to the Parishioners who can no longer come to Church.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. April 27: +Dolores Harmon
- T. April 28: +Trudy Butler
- W. April 29: Joan Molatore
- Th. April 30: +Trudy Butler
- Fr. May 1: +Ramon Cazarez



8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. April 27: +Phyllis Wager
- T. April 28: +Nan Harrington
- W. April 29: +Janice Gnos
- Th. April 30: +James Compton Sr.
- Fr. May 1: Bruce & Jill Sophie
40th Anniversary
- Sat. May 2: +Marge Hennebeck

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Tara Sakraida, Kathy Steiner, Joan Molatore, Steve Presley, Frank West, Paula George, Katherine Saum, Don & Paul Zeleznik, George Halvorsen, Justin Berlandi, Betty Defley, Frank Perez, Kim George, Victor Eakin, Sharon Anderson, Kathy Kim, Marie Casilio, Vicki & Lorraine Harris, Beth Curl, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Carmen Aitken, Pamela Demian, Eileen Van Dyck, John Kuchler, Beverly & Dick Handley, Don & Jean Palese, Ramona Rosales, Gloria Hubbard, and Shizuka McCue.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish and their families.

Vocations Sunday

All of us have a vocation in life, and Pope Francis said that our main vocation is to LOVE!!

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and
World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Sacred Heart Parish has one parishioner in the seminary
Brent Crowe, and another who will begin this fall, Christopher Walsh.

Many young men attended the Andrew dinner in February –
23 of them from our parish.

We as a parish need to support these men
and all those who might be discerning a vocation to the priesthood
with our prayers.

Please say the following prayer daily:

**God our Father, You made each of us
to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.
We ask that You inspire young people whom You
call to the priesthood and consecrated life to
courageously follow Your will.**

**Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted,
and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen**

There are Holy cards with this prayer in the vestibule of the church and the Adoration Chapel.
A Vocations Promotion Committee has recently been formed.
Call the office for more information.

RETREAT ON MAY 8, 2015

Father Justus Alaeto is offering a retreat for all the pious groups of Sacred Heart Parish on **Friday, May 8 from 10:30 to 4:00 at St. Rita's Retreat Center, Gold Hill.**

The purpose of the retreat is for **Spiritual nourishment and inner transformation.** We wish to set aside a day for the Lord who inspired us to belong to these various groups to serve the Church and God's people. We will ask Him at the retreat to nourish our spiritual energy more and more, inspire us, and to bless our individual prayers and families.

The groups involved will be: Legion of Mary, Altar Society, Catholic Daughters of America, Hospitality groups, Rosary Guild, and any other groups interested in the recollection day.

Please bring your brown bag lunch and drink. If you have questions please feel free to contact: the parish office 541-779-4661, or call St. Ritas at 541-855-1333, or Annie Sanchez at 541-665-1096. Any of these contacts will help you with any question regarding this retreat.



MILITARY BOARD

Thank you to all our military men and women who serve our country! We are deeply grateful. Our military board in the Parish Hall is in need of updating. If you have a photo on the board of a relative who is no longer serving in the military, please call the parish office or contact Ann at abrophy@shcs.org. If you would like a photo posted on the board of a relative on active military duty, please drop it by the parish office with their name and rank. If you'd like your photo returned, please include your name and address on the back of the photo.

As we continue to keep our troops in our prayers, below is a beautiful prayer for our troops from "Our Sunday Visitor":

All-powerful and ever-living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people, you kept him safe through all his journeys.

Protect these soldiers.

Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen."

**MEDIA KIOSK /FEATURE OF THE WEEK
GLORY STORIES**



In these true stories of vision and bravery, fierce determination, and loving service to God, Blessed Jose Sanchez and St. Joan of Arc set examples for youngsters.

Recommended for ages 5 and up

Cost: CDs \$3 Pamphlets \$2 Books \$4
Place payment in slot on lower right side of the Kiosk.

**PARISH PICNIC COORDINATOR
NEEDED NOW!**

Please call Melanie at (541) 779-4454 to volunteer. Volunteers ready and able to put ideas into actions! Picnic will be a no-go without leadership!



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Calling all baptized Catholic boys and girls who have received their First Communion and are in the fourth grade or older!

Sacred Heart parish needs you to altar serve!

Training for new altar servers will be held on Saturday 5/2, 5/9, and 5/16 from 1-3:00 in the church. Please contact Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org. Thanks!

ENJOY GOD'S GREEN EARTH

Wednesday Weeders are back at work and always happy to have additional help. Not only do we pull weeds, we plant, spread bark, remove shrubs that volunteered to grow in the wrong spot, prune the hedges and generally do what is most needed to maintain and improve the landscaping. We meet at 9:30 Wednesday mornings and work for an hour. Please consider joining us. For information call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292.



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NOW ENROLLING

**PS and PK Round Up:
Thursday, April 30, 6:30 PM**

**PS-8th Grades Open House/Academic Showcase:
Thursday, May 7, 6:30 PM**

**CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO ARRANGE YOUR PRIVATE TOUR.**

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ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2015 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. 382 Sacred Heart parishioners have contributed/pledged \$57,173.00 towards our goal of \$79,271. Every gift means so much! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card and return it to the Church Office in the coming days.

We would like 100% participation in showing our support of Archbishop Sample and our Catholic Church in western Oregon.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROGUE SQUIRES

We were honored to help support the Breakfast last week for Boy Scouts Troop 1. Thanks to Deacon Ron for introducing us at the morning Masses.

We had our first family event, a BBQ where we introduced the committee members, played games and got to know each other a little better. Special thanks to our Chief Counselor, Sullivan Hasteley

All boys age 10 to 18 (and their families) are invited to our next meeting on April 26, after the noon Mass, to be held in the Parish Hall.

If you have questions about the Squires, please contact Jonah Hadley (jjonah260@gmail.com)

Esto Dignus, BE WORTHY!
Patrick Cutler Chief Squire

Financial Report

	4/12/2015	4/13/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$18,144.23	\$18,055.29
Offertory received current week	\$18,300.08	\$18,327.42
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$739,350.12	\$749,363.71
Needed for Budget	\$743,913.44	\$740,266.88
Over (under) Budget	(\$4,563.32)	\$9,096.83

God gives it all, then calls us to share. Thank you for sharing! On-line giving is now available. If you are interested, please call the office.

PARKING LOT CHANGES

This will affect weekday parking only.

We have leased the City of Medford 25 parking spaces during the construction of the new city building on the west side of the office building directly adjacent to Jackson County Juvenile Hall. Parking spaces will be available to the City of Medford, Monday — Friday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. No overnight or weekend parking will be allowed.



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

To Contact Whitney Compton, Youth Minister: wcompton@archdpx.org
Please e-mail her for her Mobil number.

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:

TRIVIA! Join us on Monday April 27th for Trivia at 4Daughters Pub. We will be meeting about 6:15p to grab a table! If you would like to receive our e-mail please contact Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpx.org.

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):

Come Join Us: YOU ARE INVITED!!!!!!

Middle School Semester Topic: The Creed

High School Semester Topic: Morality

*Note: There are only one week left in this school year that we will be meeting. We will take 2 weeks off in May before we begin our summer youth ministry events!!! Schedule to come out soon!

CONFIRMATION:

On April 29th Group A will meet for Class 13!

REMINDER: Your Sponsor needs to be at your rehearsal – If your sponsor cannot make it, please bring an adult who can fill your sponsor in when they get into town!

CONFIRMATION MASS:

This year Sacred Heart will have one bi-lingual Confirmation Mass on Sunday, May 17th at 7:00pm. 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 summer (program was developed for high school teens). PARENTS! If you have questions about TOB for teens, No Worries! Contact Whitney Compton with your questions. Going Beyond Teen Chastity; Teens are facing unique challenges in the culture today. These challenges, especially 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. Hurry and register! **Registration closes May 4th 2015!**

JOES CAMP!

Registration for Joes Camp is now open for youth (grades 6th-12th). Sacred Heart has LIMITED SPACE! Register NOW! Joes Camp starts June 22 at 4:30pm and ends on June 27th! To obtain a registration packet for your youth e-mail Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpx.org

STEUBENVILLE NORTHWEST!

Exciting NEWS! We will be going to Steubenville Northwest this year! We will be taking 13 youth 3 chaperones and Whitney Compton as the group leader. Any youth interested in attending will need to fill out an application. From the applications, 13 youth will be accepted to attend. Please contact Whitney Compton to apply for the trip. Applications are due April 30th by 3:00p. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications are complete when turned in with the deposit required (see application). Accepted applicants will be notified May 7th 2015.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS – SACRED HEART SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

We are honored to be able to present two students, from Sacred Heart School, with a \$500.00 scholarship.

The scholarship fund is in support of our Catholic families and is open to all Sacred Heart students who are parishioners of Sacred Heart Church. Criteria: Students grade 1 through grade 8, 2015-2016 school year. The student must be a relative of an active Sacred Heart Church of Medford parishioner. The student should have acceptable school behavior, good Catholic morals, and good academic achievement. Scholarship applications may be picked up at Sacred Heart School or call, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children’s Mass Bulletins

Our 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 children ages 3-6 while the blue page is for children ages 7-12. The Bulletins correspond with one of our Sunday Mass readings. Children’s bulletins are located in the racks at all doors 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 Pre-school through 5th grade every Sunday at 9:50am until 11:15am at Sacred Heart School. Enrollment 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

**MOTHER'S DAY BENEFITS FOR
MAGDALENE HOME!**

At the Mother's Day Knights of Columbus Breakfast, there will be TWO opportunities for you to help our mothers and babies at Magdalene Home!

The FIRST is a raffle for a gorgeous craftsman-made English Tudor-style dollhouse by our own Michael McDermott. These dollhouses auction at the Angel Banquet for between \$400 - \$700, and you can buy one a one-in-25 chance to win it for just \$20! The house will be on display at the breakfast, and those who are not able to attend may buy tickets on our Magdalene Home website: www.magdalenehome.org, by using the PayPal button at the bottom of the home page. BE SURE to include your name, address, and phone, and note that it is for the "dollhouse raffle."

The SECOND is that there will be a sale of beautiful handmade religious items such as crosses, necklaces, statues, etc., made by former parishioner, Aleesa Bansmer McCarthy, who now lives in Lakeview but will be here for the sale. What a perfect Mother's Day gift for Mom!

See you at the breakfast!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store turned donated items into enough money to cover almost half our annual budget for the services we provide in Jackson County. It was accomplished by the Grace of God and the hard work of over 100 volunteers working six days a week and sometimes on Sundays in the store. With more than 300 volunteers overall, we are always in need of people to help in the store, kitchen, pantry, social services, office, shower and laundry facility as well as home visits groups in Ashland and the rest of Jackson County. We are all volunteers and we hope you will consider joining us in being the Body of Christ by serving others. Please call [541-772-3828](tel:541-772-3828) or visit us at 2424 N. Pacific Hwy., Medford.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Tuesday, May 5th is our next meeting. Our guest speakers will be Sister Gabriela and Sister Maria, to talk about our Hispanic Ministry. We gather in the church at 8:00 a.m. for the Rosary, followed by Mass, then to the hall for a light snack. **Please bring something to share**, coffee & tea provided. Our meeting will start at 9:30 a.m.

May is our annual **Baby Shower** for Magdalene Home. Items needed include diapers size 3 and up, plastic toddler cups, toddler dishes, baby shampoo and lotions and mixing bowls for the home. Currently in the home: 2- 2 year old boys, 6 month & 7 month old boys. All women in the parish are invited to join Catholic Daughters; our motto is "unity and charity". Catholic Daughters support each other in prayer and fellowship, we are involved in several parish events, and we support local, state and national charities.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

All ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us Monday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hall for the Rosary followed by our meeting. Bring your new ideas!

Our Plant Sale is Sunday, May 3 after the 7AM Mass till all plants are sold. We had a very good turnout last year and hope for the same this year. Come and get excited about your garden.

THANK YOU! MARY, OUR MOTHER

Many Faces, Many Names

You are invited to join us at St. Rita Retreat Center on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 pm to honor Our Blessed Mother with a special hour of prayer. The gathering will include a brief reflection on the many images of Mary held sacred around the world, as well as a rosary and May Crowning. If you wish, bring a few flowers to decorate the shrine. Please invite family and friends. If you have questions, or to let us know that you will attend, please call 541-855-1333 or

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hosted by:



April 26

7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom
8:30 - Emilda & Chato

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

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