



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

FROM FATHER JUSTUS ALAETO

Be part of Christ's witnesses!

The Resurrection of Christ is a fact and not fiction. Christ's Resurrection is a reality. In 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, St. Paul says: "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried ... raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures... appeared to Cephas, then the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive... Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all... he also appeared to me."

There were responses to the resurrection. Mary Magdalene had a positive response. Mary Magdalene was Christ's disciple, who not only loved Jesus genuinely, and searched for Him, but she was also prayerfully attached to Jesus. She was the first person to meet the Resurrected Jesus. Mary Magdalene's response to the Resurrection was "I have seen the Lord."

We are encouraged by the Easter Celebration, not only to believe but to bear witness to our faith like Mary Magdalene. Peter had once stumbled but stood up, resurrected from his weakness, and made it to sainthood.

The meaning of Easter is that we all have these periods of Lent and Holy Week, die to our sins and resurrect with Christ. We are therefore new creations in Christ. Today there is hope in every aspect of our lives, and above all, hope towards eternal life. We are witnesses of the good news of the resurrection to new life in Christ. We are witnesses of resurrection from our old ways to our new way of life. The courage to pray, surrender one's self to Christ's life, and attempt to permanently abandon at least one particular sin that prevents our relationship with God, there and then is Easter and Resurrection. Your life could be part of this witness of a new life in Christ!

Happy Easter to you!

THANK YOU WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to all who volunteered to help decorate the church for Easter. They are Jamie Bryan, Ingrid DeCarlow, Nola Geaney, Louise Gorman, Montgomery Postigo, Cynthia Stanley, Remy Winfrey and Vi Zoller. Blessings to you all for giving of your time and talent. BJ Buxton

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

"TOWN HALL MEETINGS" with FATHER KEN

Father Ken will hold 5 meetings to answer questions and listen to investment priorities and concerns from parishioners regarding the proceeds from the recent sale of our Black Oak property to St. Mary's School. This process along with a future parish survey and report were steps recommended by our recently formed Long-Term Strategic Planning Commission. Your opinions are important to us so if you have ideas please plan to attend one of our sessions.

Meetings to be held in the Parish Hall:

Thursday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 18 at 6:45 p.m.

Friday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE - 3:00 ON 4/12

"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 12th, 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, 4/12, to celebrate the wonderful Mercy of the Lord toward us.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWLY INITIATED CATHOLICS!

Congratulations and welcome to our parish’s 23 newly initiated Catholics who came into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil! They are Dana Preston, Adrianna Ramirez, Angelina Ramirez, Svetlana Varner, Nicholas Varner, Alexei Varner, Stephanie McMaster, Lisa Koester, Logan Koester, Davis Koester, Luis Maria, Kayden Gardner, Heather Shamblin, Rachelle Shamblin, Aliya Zamores, Jennifer Berry, Ashley Berry, Meredith Zavala, Sasha Tokareff, Kaleb Stuhr, Tom Dobson, Richard Coleman, and Joey Munoz. These newly initiated Catholics describe their happiness and experience of the RCIA journey in this month’s Spiritual Life insert, and you’re sure to enjoy it.

Heartfelt thanks to the RCIA Team that taught and mentored our candidates on their journey: RCIA children’s catechist Shari Lloyd; teen catechists Kim O’Gara and Danielle Governor; and the RCIA adult team of Bill Anderson, Kent Clinkenbeard, Jon Yackamouih, Cheryl Robertson, Jeannette Henault, and Paula George, plus the Easter Vigil reception coordinator Kathy Zoll. Their generosity of time and talent and their dedication to our RCIA candidates is inspiring and such a blessing to our parish!

God works in many different ways – perhaps through a spouse, a parent, a friend, a beautiful sunset, or even a crisis or illness. Sometimes it is just a quiet sense that something is missing. No matter what your reason, the Church’s hope and prayer is that when God calls you, you will call us - as once did these 23 newly initiated Catholics. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Ann Brophy, RCIA Director, at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org.

To all of you this glorious day: *He is Risen! Happy Easter! - Ann Brophy and the RCIA Team*

TO ALL ADORERS

Thank you for your dedication in prayer in our chapel. We now have the inner door secured with the same code that opens the outer door. The Tabernacle will no longer be locked. The Tabernacle can remain open while you pray. If no one relieves you please close the Tabernacle as you leave. Please open the Tabernacle door when you enter if you desire to do so. As always PLEASE pull both entry doors closed as you enter and leave. PLEASE do not let people you do not know into the Chapel. If anything untoward occurs while you are at prayer please notify the Office or Father Ken.



“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

No Confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Please call the Office if you wish to schedule confession.

LEGION OF MARY — Blessed Easter!!

There is a large demand for Home Visits for Communion. In January the Legion of Mary served 464 people with 12 active members. We are seeking parishioners to bring the presence of Christ to the Homebound. Please call the Office to volunteer.

OLD GLORY

When an American flag becomes tattered and torn, ragged or dirty it should be replaced. Specific procedures are followed that honor our flag as it is disposed. If you have a flag in sad condition please bring it to the sacristy in a plastic bag marked Murray LaHue. Murray will properly and honorably dispose of it.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. April 6: +Audrey Homler
- T. April 7: +Margaret Hennebeck
- W. April 8: Legion of Mary
- Th. April 9: +Jean Stewart
- Fr. April 10: The Sieg Family



8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. April 6: Archbishop Sample
- T. April 7: +Frank Swedish
- W. April 8: +Jennifer Ferrin Galster
- Th. April 9: Rachel Cory
- Fr. April 10: Linda Pineiro
- Sat. April 11: Julia Curiel & Family

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Joan Molatore, Steve Presley, Frank West, Paula George, 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, Paul Zeleznik, Carmen Aitken, Pamela Demian, Eileen Van Dyck, John Kuchler, Beverly & Dick Handley, Don & Jean Palese, Ramona Rosales, and Shizuka McCue.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially:

+Florence Grimes, +Marjorie Carter, and +Jerome Kocina.

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.



The students and staff at Sacred Heart Catholic School wish you a Blessed Easter Season!
Alleluia! He is risen!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

We gather Tuesday, April 7th for the Rosary at 8:00 a.m. in the church followed by Mass then to the Hall for a celebration.

It is party time!!! Join us to celebrate the birth of Margaret Ramey -- her mother is a Catholic Daughter. We will be collecting gift cards for her parents to use on needed items.

We will hold a short meeting to talk about the success of the St. Patrick's dinner.



All women of the parish are invited to attend. We are the largest national organization of Catholic women in the world dedicated to strengthening our spiritual life through Christ and His Church.

Our motto is Unity and Charity.

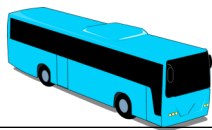
May God bless you with all the joys of Easter!

Questions? call Connie Moyer 541-773-8736.

PILGRIMAGE, PILGRIMAGE, PILGRIMAGE

Join us on a pilgrimage to the California Missions Sept 18 to Sept 25, 2015. Highlights include an overnight at the San Antonio de Velero Mission, Mass at the burial site of Father Juanipero Serra just as he is being canonized by Pope Francis, Vespers with the monks of the New Clairveaux Abbey, an evening on Fisherman's wharf in San Francisco and lots more. Please come to an informational meeting on Saturday, April 18 at the Parish Hall at 4:30 p.m., just prior to Saturday Vigil Mass.

For more information, call Beckie 541-601-4457 or email bkantor@hotmail.com.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS – SACRED HEART SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

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

The scholarship fund is in support of our Catholic families with children attending Sacred Heart School and is open to all Sacred Heart students who are parishioners of Sacred Heart Church.

Criteria: Students grade 1 through grade 8 2015-2016

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 by calling, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736

Financial Report

	3/22/2015	3/23/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$18,144.23	\$18,055.29
Offertory received current week	\$13,907.27	\$17,071.86
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$671,249.02	\$693,062.48
Needed for Budget	\$689,480.75	\$686,101.01
Over (under) Budget	(\$18,231.73)	\$6,961.47

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.

THANK YOU WEDNESDAY

WEEDERS!! The landscape around the church is looking wonderful thanks to the efforts of these volunteers: Robert Armstrong, BJ Buxton, Ingrid DeCarlow, Lin Dotson, Louise Gorman, Bob and Susan Hedstrom, Neal S. and Steve Schnugg. Please let them know how much you appreciate the work they have done. Wednesday Weeders will break for two weeks and then get back to work on April 23rd.

Initiated at the Easter Vigil: Our New Catholics Share Their Joy!

As practice in evangelization – which every Catholic is called to do - our newly initiated Catholics were asked to share with you their answers to the following question: “Why are you happy to become a fully initiated Catholic?” Their joyous, enthusiastic answers will delight and inspire you. **For more information about becoming a fully initiated Catholic, please contact Ann Brophy, RCIA Director, parish office or abrophy@shcs.org.**

“After attending Mass with my family for the past 32 years, I’ve felt a call to make my Catholic life official by becoming fully initiated. I want my children, family and friends to know I’m proud to finally become Catholic and a member of the Church.” – Tom Dobson

“I finally feel whole when it comes to my faith.” – Heather Shamblin

“There is a depth to the Catholic faith that has been missing in my life, and that I didn’t know I was hungering for until I encountered it. I feel I am finally encountering God in the fullness He was meant to be encountered.” – Stephanie McMaster

“I would have to say I am happy because I have found a new meaning to happiness and joy has filled my life. I have found a new way to look at things and problems I may be facing.” Rachele Shamblin

“I’m happy to be a part of a larger faith family steeped in rich historical traditions. I’ve always felt the pull to Catholicism, its imagery and art especially.” – Sasha Tokareff

“A closer understanding and relationship with God. Learning what is important to me. A whole family that is spread out all over the world.” – Meredith Zavala

“Because it makes me feel good to be part of something more than myself and also helps me become closer to God and the Church.” – Richard Coleman

“I am becoming a part of a big “family.” To me, it’s about spiritual commitment.” – Svetlana Varner

“The Catholic religion has the only spiritual resolution that has made sense to me thus far. I am so happy I am finding the answers and guidance I have been searching for my whole life.” – Lisa Koester

“It made sense and finally felt like the right fit for me after many years of exploring avenues of Christian faith.” – Dana Preston

“Initially it was to be a good example for my children, but now it is because I desire to build my relationship with God.” – Jon Yackamouih (initiated in 2014, RCIA Team 2015)

Children and Teens in RCIA answered:

“I would say I’m happy to become fully Catholic because I get to be closer to God.” – Logan

“I feel like I have found a good place in the Catholic Church, and it has helped me many times.” – Kaleb

“I am happy to be becoming a fully initiated Catholic because I feel like God speaks to me and that I understand him and he interests me.” – Aliya

“I want to be baptized and I want to make my First Communion because I love Jesus.” – Luis

“I am happy because I feel like I am getting closer to God and I think it will be fun.” – Davis

“So I can be closer to God.” – Kayden

“Because I want to learn about God in a good way.” – Alex

“I would say that I am happy because I am getting closer to God.” – Nick

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and children of catechetical age)

As you may know, RCIA is the process by which most people come into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Adults, teens, and children meet separately on Tuesday evenings to learn about Catholicism. Rites along the way are decision points in their journey and help form and prepare them for full initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil and a life of mission afterward. To give you an insight into RCIA, we asked our candidates if they found RCIA a good way to journey into the full communion of the Church and why. Below are their responses:

“Absolutely. I learned way more than I expected and met some great people and lifelong friends.” – Jon

“Yes! Becoming Catholic is a commitment, and RCIA gave us a first opportunity to dedicate time to the Church. It gave us an opportunity to ask questions and think it all through.” – Dana

“I would say a *great* way! Everyone is friendly and helpful and always willing to answer questions.” – Richard

“It was the best way to be introduced to my future Love; introduced, dated, betrothed, and finally married to God and the Church.” – Stephanie

“Yes! I have enjoyed RCIA every Tuesday night. I will miss the classes, and have been enjoying going to these classes with my sons.” – Lisa

“I learned a lot of wonderful new things. Being closer to God and a big Family. Taking this journey with my family.” – Meredith

“Yes, it was a very good experience. Thank you.” – Svetlana

“Yes! It was so nice to be in such a vocal group and learn from everyone’s questions and experiences.” – Sasha

“Deeper understanding of Church. Helped seal my commitment.” – Tom

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Happy Easter from the RCIA Team and the Spiritual Life Committee!

“A big yes! Everybody in class is so nice and warm and they go over everything I had questions about and taught me so many things about my faith I had never known. They made it so clear and I loved to hear about everyone’s journey and they way they have all ended up in RCIA.”
- Rachelle

“Yes, and because it taught me so many things I didn’t know and it made me ready to become a fully initiated Catholic.” – Heather

“Yes. I have learned and been able to grow so much every step of the way.” – Brian

“I am always impressed by the people that take this journey. Their courage and spirit give me a lift. RCIA teaches what it means to be Catholic. I have learned more in RCIA than in 12 years of Catholic school.” – Bill, RCIA Team

Children and Teens in RCIA answered:

“Yes! Because without it, I would be lost!” – Nick

“Yes! Because the books are fun!” – Alex

“It was a good journey to me because I got to meet more people.” – Davis

“Yes, it was because I felt like I wasn’t complete until I started doing these classes.” – Aliya

“I think that it is a good way to help me with my faith and growing in what I believe in.” – Kaleb

“I thought it was a good idea because it’s easier to learn from someone than teaching yourself.” – Logan

ALTAR SOCIETY EASTER MONDAY LUNCHEON

April 6th, at Twin Creeks at 11:00 a.m.
Tickets are \$18 which includes a buffet and a fashion show
Tickets available at the door.
This luncheon is always a fun event and a good time to connect with friends—old and new!



PARISH PICNIC COORDINATOR NEEDED

Please call Melanie at (541) 779-4454 to volunteer.

MARRIED COUPLES – Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will give you the “gardening tools” you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org.

Upcoming dates:

April 24-26 at Powell Butte Retreat Center in Central Oregon
May 22-25 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton, Oregon.

ICON PAINTING CLASS NEWS

This is a rare chance to learn icon painting from a master iconographer. Phillip Zimmerman will be instructing a class in a relaxed and casual environment from May 18-May 22. Icons are renowned for their spiritual value and this workshop is an opportunity to combine art with spiritual reflection. All levels from beginner to advanced will be taught and Phil will work with each student. You should be able to complete your icon in the weeks’ time. There are a limited number of spaces left. To register contact: Rosemary 541-772-4474 orrosa@ccountry.net

DON’T MISS THIS

Men’s A.C.T.S. Retreat April 23-26 at St. Rita’s Retreat Center. This is the 5th Annual retreat and is sponsored by the Men’s ACTS group and the Vicariate of Southern Oregon. When you come to the retreat it is as a friend and fellow Catholic. When the weekend is over you will leave as a brother to 30 other men. We hope to see you there. Space is limited so register now. Registration forms are on the tables at the entries to church. Contact Jim Harlan (541) 941 5025 or Earl Parrish (541) 840 2262 for more information.

BIBLE STUDY with Father Ken Resumes this week, April 9th.

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!



COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:

April 12

7:00 & 8:30 - Catholic Daughters

April 26

7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom

8:30 - Emilda & Chato



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.



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

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

The waiting and preparing is over! From the office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, I want to wish you all a HAPPY EASTER!!! Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ has risen and now the Church will begin a beautiful season of celebration. “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; we shall praise him with great thanksgiving and joy! In this Easter season I pray you and your family renew your relationship with our Lord in a profound and intimate way! Totus Tuus Maria, Whitney K. Compton.

CONFIRMATION: The next class is on April 8, 2015 for Group B! Don’t forget about your upcoming test!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen.
Happy Easter Season to all.*

EASTER DAY

*Christ the Lord is Risen to-day!
Angels rolled the stone away
From the tomb wherein He lay!*

*Little children come and sing
“Glory, glory to the King,
Christ the Lord of Everything!”*



Next Sunday our children will be learning about Saint Faustina and her message to us all about God’s infinite mercy. We will even sing a small portion of the Divine Mercy Chaplet ...”For the sake of His Sorrowful passion...Have mercy on us and on the whole world”!!

It is so exciting being a Catholic!!!

All children Preschool through 5th grade welcome. Sunday mornings 9:50am to 11:15am at Sacred Heart School. Assemble in the cafeteria for our (short) morning family faith sharing time with coffee and snacks.

For further details contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office. Ph# 541-779-4661 ext: 107

POPE FRANCIS APRIL PRAYER INTENTIONS

- from the Apostleship of Prayer website

Universal Intention: Creation

That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God

Evangelization Intention:

Persecuted Christians

That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church

Prayer of the Month

God, the Creator, your servant St. John Paul II said that “faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth.” Give to all scientists a deep love for truth. May their research be used in ways that respect human dignity and all of creation. Amen.

“Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude.”

~~ Pope Francis