



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14 (34A)
SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11 GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

The Joy of Reconciliation

Last year, Pope Francis wrote his apostolic exhortation entitled *Evangelii Gaudium* or the Joy of the Gospel. This work was really the culmination of his heart felt view of the faith in general...that our faith must be marked by the spirit of joy if we have been blessed to have met the Risen Lord in our lives. And to show that these are not just cheap words, we have seen him over the past year really try to implement this concept in all of his ministerial endeavors. For instance, in discussing the goal of the "New Evangelization" he pointed out that Pope John Paul II coined the phrase and began challenging the Church to consider reigniting the missionary spirit. Pope Benedict XVI took things a step further by creating governmental bodies and events within the Vatican superstructure to make this aim of evangelization a reality. And Pope Francis has been given the task/opportunity to implement the vision. Step one according to him?...Discover joy in your own faith journey (or as he put it last year, "Don't be a pickled pepper" [ie a grouchy or somber Catholic]! Learn to present the teachings of your faith in a welcome and joyful way. Pope Francis has urged us to incorporate this joy in our volunteer ministries and in our ecumenical and interreligious dialog as well. And since late last year he has been in discussions with the heads of the Curia in the Vatican, asking how they and how the clergy in general can accomplish their given mission with a greater sense of joy. In other words, from top to bottom, Pope Francis is desperately trying to give the Church a face-lift! And we see that vision through his own example as he carries himself in interviews with the press and as he interacts with the public. He is trying to get each one of us to help present the Gospel in a fresh way with a smile (Same message ...different tone), in the hopes that our mission given by Jesus himself to go out to all the world and tell the good news will bear greater fruit. This is a vision and a dream I hope we can all share in.

Recently we have arrived at just another aspect of that consistent message of joy as we see Pope Francis apply it to the sacrament of reconciliation. This past Thursday, during the reconciliation service held in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis surprised his liturgists by delaying the start of individual confessions when he informed his clergy that he would first like to begin by making his own confession. He had previ-

ously revealed that it is his personal practice to go to confession every two weeks so he certainly could have easily arranged to make a confession before the liturgy. However, in this instance, he obviously desired to teach us all by his example. When he finished, about six minutes later, he had this to say to the crowd that was gathered: In the sacrament of reconciliation "God never scolds! He only cheers!". He wants us all to understand that this sacrament should be one that is celebrated with joy as it leads us to new joy. At the end of the service again he reiterated this message, saying "Tell them that our Father is waiting for us, our Father forgives us, and even more he celebrates!" Add that to his message last Fall where the Pope reminded us that we will become tired of asking forgiveness from Him long before He ever tires of forgiving us and you have a very positive and healthy vision of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Unfortunately, it has long been known that the sacrament of reconciliation is the most underutilized in the Church. It has been a great gift left wrapped and unopened by too many. According to the Center for Applied Research of Georgetown University, only 2% of Catholics go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly today and roughly 3/4 of all Catholics make use of the sacrament with a frequency ranging from less than once per year to never. According to another source, The National Opinion Research, regular use of the sacrament (defined as monthly) declined from 38% to 17% between 1965 -1975 and has been declining ever since. A Notre Dame/Council of Public Opinion poll has the numbers at 10% who currently go to confession monthly and another 10% of Catholics who have never gone in their lives. Whichever statistics you prefer, clearly the message is the same... Confessions are in sharp decline. Reasons for this decline vary but many include mention of the clergy scandal, a theological belief that the sacrament is not necessary and can be replaced by direct confession to Jesus, and fear or anxiety as reasons why they have stayed away. Whichever the case may be, to those who are keeping a distance from this sacrament of divine mercy I think Pope Francis would say, "You are missing out on a joyful opportunity". As you pray over this I invite you to tune in again next week as I explain in greater detail the great blessings of the sacrament of reconciliation and why I enthusiastically invite you back to it if it has been a while since you have sacramentally celebrated God's gift of mercy.

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
Followed by Divine Mercy Novena
Spanish in Hall



3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Reading of the Passion
Veneration of the Cross
Communion
Followed by Divine Mercy Novena

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.

"There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted-it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I myself take care of it." (1273)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS/SOUP SUPPER

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. Stations in Spanish begin at 7:00 p.m.



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.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS SOON

Why might you want to pray the Divine Mercy Novena? In St. Faustina's writings, we hear Jesus promise, "By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."

The Divine Mercy Novena **starts on Good Friday, April 18**, after the Noon Stations of the Cross and also after the 3:00 Good Friday Service. On Holy Saturday, 4/19, the chaplet will be said in the church after 8:30 Tenebrae and also at 3:00. On Easter Sunday, the chaplet will be said at 3:00 in the church. The following week through Saturday, April 26, the chaplet will be prayed after 8:30 daily Mass and also at 3:00 in the church. Then on Sunday, April 27, we will celebrate the beautiful Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 in the church!

To assist you in praying the Novena, the novena chaplet and instructions are at the doors of the church and in the Adoration Chapel. Also, in order to gain all the graces from the Divine Mercy Novena, one must celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

Come, join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena and grow in grace!

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.



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.

Minimum Requirements:

- 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.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
RICE BOWL - Haiti**

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Haiti. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Call to Family, Community and Participation*, and reminded that, as social beings, we are called to seek God together. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Haiti and all around the world, that our families and communities may be strengthened and blessed.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection which totaled \$2,545.11. Through your generosity families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit www.usccb.org (search "Catholic Relief Services Collection") to learn how your donations make a difference and **help Jesus in disguise**.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. April 7: +Margaret Lewis
- T. April 8: +Augie Schettino
- W. April 9: +Joyce Echadie
- Th. April 10: Renee Jordan
- Fri. April 11: +John Preston

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. April 7: +Tony Bock
- T. April 8: +Margaret Edwards
- W. April 9: +Jack Walker
- Th. April 10: Polly Smith
- Fr. April 11: Melinda Walton
- Sat. April 12: +Genevieve Holcom

ROSARY SALE , SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Wonderful gifts for all occasions - come to the Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and shop!

COMMUNION SERVICES

Our Priests are going to the Chrism Mass in Portland, and will leave Monday, April 14 after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and return Tuesday evening, April 15. On Monday there **will** be a 7:00 a.m. Mass but **no** 8:30. On Tuesday 15 April there will be **no** 7:00 a.m. Mass. Deacon Ron will offer Communion Service at 8:30 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: Larry Beskow, Annelies Boivin, John Zeleznik, Eileen Van Dyck, Lisa Young, Pamela Demian, Patti Otto, Joan Bain, Linda Blixt, Jeff Leroy, William Cummings, Marie Casilio, Patti Wittenbrock, John Kuchler, Rachel Scott, Jennifer White, Nanette Hall, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell, Marge Kearney, Dick & Beverly Handley.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish, and for their families, especially: +Michael Trabert, and +Michael Lutz.

LITURGY CORNER

“(This Sunday’s) Gospel story of Lazarus is often chosen for funerals, and it is a beautiful one for such an occasion. Proclaiming this gospel at funerals puts into perspective what the Mass of Christian burial is really about. Rather than focusing on the deceased person who has “passed” (a reality more appropriate to reflect on at the Vigil or wake service, where eulogies are the most appropriately given), the Mass is a celebration of risen life – of Jesus’ risen Life and our hope and belief that the deceased person now shares fully in that life. It is for this reason that white is usually the color for funerals – the color we also use to celebrate Easter.” – *2014 Living Liturgy*, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN)

“I first became an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist about 20 years ago. At the time, I was drawn to the thought of serving, but I didn’t feel worthy. I think it was almost two years, and several sermons from our pastor about sharing the gifts and talents that God had given us, before I decided the call was pulling at my heart. My love for the Eucharist has only grown throughout the years of serving. Though I still don’t feel worthy of this service, I feel great joy and peace whenever I am able to bring Christ to others through the Eucharist. Now, this community calls to all of you to consider this ministry. It would bring more to you than you can possibly give. Please give this ministry consideration and expand your love of God and community in the process.” – Janet Scimeca

Please heed the call and become a Eucharistic Minister or Lector! Please call or e-mail abrophy@shcs.org. and schedule a training. Thank you! Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate



PILGRIMAGE MEETING

Please join us Saturday, April 12, at 4:30PM in the Parish Hall for a meeting of the pilgrims going to Portugal, Spain and France with Father Ken Sampson. If you have not yet registered, there are still a few seats left, so now is your chance!!! Please call Lillian 541-779-2134 or Beckie 541-601-4457 or email bkantor@hotmail.com



**Congratulations
Dave Moosman
this months winner
of the Catholic Daughters Raffle!**

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come to the Hall and enjoy some social time and donuts after the morning Masses.
APRIL 6th
7:00 & 8:30 - Sacred Heart School



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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!

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



SPRING CLEANING



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

ST. ANNE'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Meeting: Monday, April 14 at 11:00, a.m. in the Parish Hall. We will elect officers for 2014-2015. Please make plans to attend. Lunch menu to include Baked Ham. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own table service.



Easter Monday Luncheon: Tickets (\$15.) available. Call Louise at: 541-776-2441. Altar Society Members in the Hall morning Masses. April 6th. **Easter Baskets** will be raffled at the luncheon. Baskets to be raffled are: The Kitchen Basket, the Garden Basket, the Organic Basket and the Wine Basket.

Mother's Day Plant Sale: is set for Sunday, May 4, after all the Masses. Thank you to those who have donated a variety of plants, herbs, and various size pots.

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.

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"

Financial Report

	3/23/2014	3/24/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$17,071.86	\$16,057.18
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$696,016.11	\$710,818.49
Needed for Budget	\$686,101.01	\$680,660.37
Over (under) Budget	\$9,915.10	\$30,158.12

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

SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY!

Here is a “quick look” at Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Summer Events, dates and locations:

Project Revamp: in three phases (open to all Sacred Heart youth in middle school or high school)

Phase One: Sunday, 13 April - Parish Hall from 3-5PM, ending with Mass at 5:00PM. Come, help choose colors for the youth room, share ideas and begin to grow in fellowship and community. We will provide pizza and have some games to play. An Emergency Information Form must be filled out and turned in to Whitney Compton in the Parish Office - one form per youth, not per household. If your son or daughter would like to bring a friend, their friend’s parent or legal guardian must complete an Emergency Information Form.

Phase Two: Sunday, 4 May - Youth Room, Noon-5PM

Phase Three: Sunday, 25 May - Youth Room Noon-5:00PM
Information to follow on these phases.

Joe’s Camp (open to all middle school and high school youth) at St. Anne’s, Grants Pass: 22 June -- 27 June 2014

Steubenville Northwest (open to only high school youth) Spokane, Washington: 23 July through 28 July 2014

Joe’s Camp! the most intense, amazing, Catholic, teen camp in Southwest Oregon. Teens from all over Southern Oregon will come to put their faith into action, working hard with new, incredible friends and the people of Serve GP to change the WORLD! But it’s not all work! We will have live music by

Rita West, amazing talks, small groups, delicious food, free time, and even Jet Boat rides to celebrate this amazing week! This year, we are ‘The Chain Gang’ and it’s all about the rosary! Forms are available in the front office; please call Whitney at 1-541-779-4661 or wcompton@archdpdx.com with any questions! Dates: June 22-27th. \$85 for early registration by May 31st! \$110 for late registration until June 22nd

Steubenville: We will join with Natalie and the youth group from St. Anne’s!!! More fellowship, AND an extra day of fun and exciting activities *Just For You*. We will leave July 23rd and return July 28th. We have added a day of fun- July 24 at *Silverwood Theme Park* which raises the cost to \$405.00 per youth. **Have no fear!** There will be a variety of fund raisers 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. The bus is filling fast!

Note: As of summer 2014, 5th graders entering 6th grade are age appropriate to join Sacred Heart middle school youth Summer Events. 8th graders entering high school are age appropriate to join Summer Events open to high school youth.

CONFIRMATION

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

Your testimony needs to be prepared and memorized.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CLASSES RESUME TODAY....

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

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 elements of Lent into holy experiences for your family. The last two Sundays we explored Prayer and Fasting. Finally we conclude with Almsgiving.....

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked, and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” – Matthew 25:35-36

Almsgiving is so much more than giving money. During Lent, we can give of ourselves. And we can honor Mary, who gave the world the greatest gift – her son, Jesus. Mary’s “yes” to God to be the mother of Jesus is a reminder that we all have gifts to give.

“Make It Activity” – Dig out a Valentine cookie cutter and make heart-shaped cutout cookies. Make a double batch to share with a lonely neighbor or elderly relative. Before you dig in, pray the Hail Mary in honor of Mary’s gift of her son, Jesus.

“But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” Matthew 6:3-4

Enlist your children’s enthusiasm by asking them to help you plan some sharing for those in need.

Ideas might include:

Mailing a gift card for food or gas to a relative who is struggling with bills.

Giving a Saturday afternoon to pick up trash around the neighborhood.

Delivering bags of dog food to an animal shelter.

Leaving a meal on the doorstep of a neighbor or friend who has lost his or her job.

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. Enrolment remains open throughout the school year. So come and join the fun!!

Contact Mary Stallard 541- 779-4661 ext: 107

St. Anne's Altar Society
Celebrating
Easter Monday Luncheon
April 21, 2014

At Twin Creeks Retirement

888 Twin Creeks Crossing
Central Point, OR 97502

Ticket Price: \$15.00

Time: 11:00 a.m.

MENU

Caesar Salad

Twin Creeks Tri-Tip - Marinated, grilled to perfection and topped with blue demi.

Mesquite Chicken - All white chicken breast lightly grilled and served atop apple bacon relish

Sauteed Seasonal Vegetables

Roasted Red Potatoes

Chocolate Mousse

For more reservations call

Louise at 541-776-2441 or Jane at 541-772-4180

