



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 (53B)**  
**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24**      **GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

**FROM FATHER JUSTUS ALAETO**

**Our help comes from the Lord!**

Last week, was Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel reading, Jesus identified Himself as a good shepherd for each of us. A good shepherd is one who cares very much for his/her sheep, especially for the lost sheep. Jesus cares for each of us, and loves us, irrespective of our offenses, or mistakes in life. For our own part, as His flock, we have the responsibility to identify His voice in our lives at all times, especially those moments when other external voices may try to influence the voice of God directing and guiding us towards Jesus.

In this weeks Gospel reading from John 15.1-8, Jesus said, *“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”* In other words, we need the help of Jesus Christ constantly in our lives, in order to tackle

daily challenges that confront us. To have Jesus Christ in our lives is to have faith in God; the faith that regularly gets pruned by God. A pruned faith grows constantly in spirit. Our faith needs constant and practical spiritual growth. As a good shepherd who cares for His sheep, Jesus wants our faith to bear good fruits. For that to happen, our faith needs regular pruning, to enable us produce something new in our relationship with God and to one another. There may be certain things in our lives that really need spiritual pruning.

The helpful question for us this week might be: “what are those things in my life that need serious spiritual pruning by Christ, especially what things prevent my spiritual life from producing fruit that transforms us towards Jesus?” Spiritual Pruning is about letting go of our old ways, making the life of Christ grow and become very active in our lives!

**Easter Blessings!**

**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.

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

- M. May 4: +Jerome Kocina
- T. May 5: +Bill Holloway
- W. May 6: +Bob Boyea
- Th. May 7: +Phyllis Wager
- Fr. May 8: Erica Baldwin



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

- M. May 4: +Piedad Marin
- T. May 5: Catholic Daughters
- W. May 6: The Batzer Family
- Th. May 7: +Jean Sterling
- Fr. May 8: Marcel Janes & Family
- Sat. May 9: +Margaret Steinkamp

**PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish**

especially: Bert & Trudy Omann, Tara Sakraida, Kathy Steiner, Joan Molatore, Steve Presley, Paula George, Katherine Saum, Don & Paul Zeleznik, George Halvorsen, Justin Berlandi, Betty Defley, Frank Perez, Sharon Anderson, 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 especially:** +Frank West, +Violet Brown, and +John Keiser.

### GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A one day seminar, "Using the gifts of the Spirit in the Church Today", featuring Fr. Odo Recker, O.S.B. On DVD, presented by S.O.V. Charismatic group. Fr. Recker is Director of monastic vocations and of parish programs for development, he is adjunct instructor of Religion Studies at Mt. Angel Seminary. Fr. was very involved in the Charismatic Renewal from 1977 to 1990.( see flyer). This seminar will be held on Saturday, May 9th at Shepherd of the Valley Church Hall from 9 am to 4pm. Be prepared for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Please bring a sack lunch. Also, a snack to share. Coffee and tea provided. Seminar is free, but donations will be gladly accepted. Information and registration please call Sandy, 541-944-4659 or Mary 916-803-3779.



### 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](mailto: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."

### 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.

### PATRICIANS CATHOLIC DISCUSSION

Patrician meeting for next month will be held on May 18th (3rd Monday) at 9:30 AM Parish Hall

Topic: What is purgatory and where is it in the bible?

with Spiritual Director Fr. Justus Aleato  
All are welcome.

### COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:

**May 3:** Catholic Daughters

**May 17:** Altar Society

**May 24**

7:00: Stan Zwan

8:30: The Bryan Family



### 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!



### 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.

## Meeting God Where We Are

*from the Spirituality Committee*

Two of the special ways that the Church gives us to meet God are pilgrimage and retreat. This month we look at two opportunities available to parishioners for these special encounters.

### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Discover God in your marriage in a deeper way on this special Weekend which has been enriching Catholic marriages around the world for over 45 years. Married couples are invited to get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones; to focus on each other for a full weekend. This Weekend is for your relationship! You will be given time to share your thoughts and feelings with your spouse, alone in the privacy of your own room.

Each WWME Weekend is presented by three couples and a priest, and runs from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. A variety of topics are covered such as:

- your unique personality styles and how they impact your marriage
- communication skills such as listening and reaching out to one another
- how to keep your relationship a priority amidst the busyness of life
- the joys to be found in living a Sacramental Marriage
- re-evaluating your life together as a couple

You will experience the Weekend in a retreat setting, but the Weekend is much more than a retreat. Couples completing the Weekend often say it is the best thing they have ever done for their marriage. The benefit to your marriage can be life-changing as you learn ways to keep your love growing year after year. Your family will also benefit from all that you learn and take home with you after your Weekend.

WWME Weekends are so well recommended because they bring you back to your wedding day and give you an opportunity to rediscover the wonderful person you said "I do" to! If you have a good marriage but want it to be even better, you'll be amazed at the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make.

Details can be found in this bulletin regarding the June 12-14, 2015 WWME at Gold Hill or you may visit the web at [www.rediscoverthespark.org](http://www.rediscoverthespark.org).

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE MISSIONS OF ALTA CALIFORNIA

We are blessed here at Sacred Heart to have another opportunity for a devotional pilgrimage, a journey to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion. A pilgrimage is a search for deeper understanding, through a mission// odyssey of prayer, love and testimony.

Pope Francis has declared that 2015 be the year of *evangelization*. We hear that word used often, but what does it mean? According to the dictionary, it is a verb, an **ACTION** word. Specifically: to preach the gospel; to convert to Christianity.

September 18 to September 25, 2015, we shall venture to the Missions of Alta California, learning about the challenges and accomplishment of the Spanish missionaries who came to evangelize, to share their faith with the people living there in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. There are 21 missions along the California coast line and valleys. Missions were founded fairly close to one another, as the road at that time was only a horse and mule trail and it was important to be able to reach each other easily for supplies and support. Sea routes were also important, thus most of the missions were established along the coast.

A highlight of the pilgrimage will be celebrating Mass at the grave site of Father Juanipero Serra at the same time that Pope Francis will canonize him a Saint. We will also visit a monastery and share Vespers with the monks there, and spend a night at the Mission of San Antonio de Velero, imagining ourselves as guests of the missionaries who were working so hard to bring the story of Jesus to the Indians and settlers. We will see the fruits of their evangelization first hand, and discover more about how we can evangelize in our time.

If you are interested in learning more about evangelizing via this pilgrimage, please consider joining the Sacred Heart California Missions pilgrimage. Look for bulletin announcements, call 541-601-4457 or email [bkantor@hotmail.com](mailto:bkantor@hotmail.com) for information. **PLEASE NOTE: DEPOSITS FOR THIS TRIP MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>!**

*Pilgrimage itinerary on next page....*

**MISSION PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY**

**Friday, Sept 18:** Depart Medford after 7:00AM Mass. Stop in Redding. Winery tour and Vespers with the monks at New Clairveaux Abby, Corning. Overnight Corning.  
**Saturday, Sept 19:** Depart to Sacramento. Tour Fort Sutter. Mass at historic St Francis Cathedral. Tour Leland Stanford mansion. Overnight Sacramento.  
**Sunday, Sept 20:** Tour and Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Depart for San Francisco; San Francisco de Asis mission tour and Stations of the Cross. Free evening on Fisherman’s wharf. Overnight San Francisco .  
**Monday, Sept 21:** Morning tour of the Presidio/ Battery Chamberlain. Depart to Santa Cruz via scenic Coast Highway. Tour Santa Cruz Mission/Mass. Overnight Santa Cruz.  
**Tuesday, Sept 22:** Depart to Carmel and Mission San Carlos de Borromeo, burial site of Fr. Juanipero Serra. Mass and tour. Depart to San Antonio Mission for tour. Overnight San Antonio Mission.  
**Wednesday, Sept 23:** Depart to Mission Soledad; Mass and tour. Afternoon departure to Mission San Juan Bautista; tour/ Stations of the Cross. Overnight San Juan Bautista  
**Thursday, Sept 24:** Depart to Sacramento. Free time Old Sacramento in afternoon. Dinner Cruise in evening.  
**Friday, Sept 25:** Depart to Medford. Lunch and tour at Olive Pit olive oil tasting room, Corning. Return to Medford; Mass at Sacred Heart.



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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**PS-8<sup>th</sup> Grades Open House/Academic Showcase**  
**Thursday, May 7, 6:30 PM**

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**Financial Report**

	4/19/2015	4/20/2014
		Easter
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$18,144.23	\$18,055.29
Offertory received current week	\$16,014.31	\$23,742.25
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$755,364.43	\$773,105.96
Needed for Budget	\$762,057.67	\$758,322.17
Over (under) Budget	(\$6,693.24)	\$14,783.79

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.

**LATIN MASS**

Anyone wishing to attend an Extraordinary Form Catholic Mass is welcome. Fr. Andrew Szymakowski of Bend, OR will preside.

**What:** Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite

**Where:** Our Lady of the River 3625 N. River Rd., Gold Hill, OR 97525

**When:** This Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. At 7:00 PM



## SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### To obtain Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Information

**Contact:** Whitney Compton  
[wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.org), to reach Whitney on her cell phone please e-mail her for her Mobil number.

### CHURCH GEAR!

GET IT NOW! Church Gear is back and now available ONLINE at our own Sacred Heart Store. Gear is available in *Spanish and English!* Look great support Sacred Heart and youth ministry all at once! A small portion of your purchase will be given to Sacred Heart; the money will go to summer trips and youth ministry throughout the year! Church gear comes right to your front door! Type the below URL into your search engine and shop, Shop, SHOP!

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### YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:

#WINNERS! Sacred Heart Young Adults took third in last Monday's Trivia Night at 4Daughters Pub! We missed all of those who were unable to make it. To receive our e-mail contact Whitney at [wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.org).

### YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):

This Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 is the last youth group meeting for this semester! COME JOIN US! We will be playing games, having fun and talking about SUMMER! Youth Group(s) Edge and Life Teen will meet in the summer. For a Summer Schedule contact Whitney via E-Mail: [wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.org).

### CONFIRMATION:

On May 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 Group B will meet for Class 13. CONFIRMATION REHERSAL!

REMINDER: Your Sponsor will need 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:

The Confirmation Mass will take place May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This year's celebrant is: Archbishop Vlazny! Confirmandi and Youth please arrive one hour before Mass.

### 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 (note: program was developed for high school teens). PARENTS! If you missed the informational meeting and have questions about the TOB for teens, No Worries! Just 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 today!

**Registration closes THIS MONDAY May 4<sup>th</sup> 2015!**

### JOES CAMP!

Registration for Joes Camp is now open for youth (grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>). Sacred Heart has LIMITED SPACE! Register NOW! Joes Camp starts June 22 at 4:30pm and ends on June 27<sup>th</sup>! To obtain a registration packet for your youth contact Whitney Compton at [wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto: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. Thank you to the Youth who filled out an application. Accepted applicants will be notified May 7<sup>th</sup> 2015.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **2015 "FAMILY" Vacation Bible School**

Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup>

Each evening 6pm – 8:30pm

***This Year's VBS is not just for kids!!*** Now working parents, guardians, or grandparents and kids can come together!! The target age for VBS kids is Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. *This year's theme is Weird Animals where children and parents discover how God's love is one-of-a-kind. Watch the Bulletin for details.*

*Remember.. NO Sunday School on Mother's day May 10<sup>th</sup>. Our last Sunday School class is on May 17<sup>th</sup> with cake, punch games and films so come and join the fun!!*

For Information about Religious Education, Sacrament Preparation & Vacation Bible School please contact Mary Stallard at the parish Office pH# 541-779-4661

**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](http://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!

**Visit our Media Kiosk at the back of the church after Mass.**

NEW ARRIVAL: "ANGELS EXPLAINED..."



Dr. Mark Miravalle teaches on the fascinating subject of Angels. Why did God create angels? How are they different from humans? Are guardian angels found in Scripture? Discover the answer to these questions and many more. This CD explains the nine choirs of angels, their differing roles and hierarchical order, and how much angels can help us if we only ask.

Cost: Books \$4 CDs \$3 Booklets \$2 Pamphlets 50c Place payment in slot on lower right side of the Kiosk.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS**

We are 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 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: diapers size 3 and up, plastic toddler cups and dishes, baby shampoo and lotions and mixing bowls for the home. Thank you.

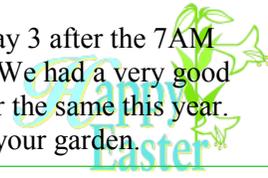
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST**

Sunday, May 10, scrambled eggs & ham, biscuits & gravy, pancakes and even French toast will be served up in the Hall. Come on over and enjoy with a cup of nice, hot coffee. Cost is \$18.00 per family, \$6.00 adults, and \$2.00 children under 10 years old. All Mothers enjoy breakfast free!

**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 e-mail [weavingthesacred2aol.com](mailto:weavingthesacred2aol.com)

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