

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 (46A)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21 GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

When the Saints Go Marching In

With the canonization of St. John Paul II and St. John XXIII last week I decided to say a further word about devotion to the saints in general within the Catholic faith. To begin with, the Catechism makes a distinction between the worship we owe to God and the devotion we sometimes show the saints. There are those among the greater Christian family who are sometimes confused by Catholic devotions to the saints and are concerned that such devotions amount to forms of idol worship forbidden in sacred scripture. Sometimes devotional language adds to the confusion when Catholics say they are "praying to" the saints when it would really be much more accurate to say that we are asking the saints to pray with and for us. In Latin, however, the difference between veneration of the saints and worship or adoration of God could not be more clear. The Latin word that applies to veneration/devotion to the saints is *dulia* (while a special category of devotion to Mary the mother of our savior is referred to as *hyperdulia*) (CCC 957, 971). Worship of God is called *latria*. It is a completely different word that applies to God alone. Proper worship is directed to God and no other and therefore our devotion to the saints could be categorized more properly as a kind of spiritual friendship. The saints are not false gods that we place before us but role models and family members who have already arrived at where we long to go also...namely HEAVEN! Images of the saints in stained glass or statuary form are no different than the photos we have of family members on our refrigerator at home. We honor them for a life well lived...for the heroic virtue and sacrifice that they showed in their lives because they are the best expression of our human potential. Halls of Fame, the Hard Rock Cafe and Planet Hollywood do the same but our saints achieved something far more important than sports or musical prowess. They were all stars of love who most closely imaged Christ for the world.

Examples of *dulia* within our Catholic culture of worship are many. We mention the names of saints within the Eucharistic prayers. We celebrate their feast days on our liturgical calendar. We pray litanies of the saints asking each, in turn, to pray for us. We pray novenas, chaplets and other devotions inspired by particular saints. We read from their writings in sacred scripture and in the liturgy of the hours. We

name particular saints as patron saints of places, careers and circumstances based on the lives that they led. We keep relics of saints for pilgrims to visit or to aid us in prayer to help the devoted feel closer to that holy person. (1st class relics = the saints body or a part of the body [bone fragment, hair clipping, etc.], 2nd class relics = clothing or objects actually used by the saint in their lifetime, 3rd class relics = an object touched to a 1st class relic). And there are many other ways in which the faithful honor these blessed members of our family of faith.

The question may remain for some though... "Why do we do these things? Surely praying to God alone is sufficient." Well, it is certainly true that devotion to the saints is not a requirement for making it to Heaven. But in my view, we all need role models. We can all benefit from the hope that the saints lend us through the ways they overcame adversity in their own lives. And think of this. One of the unique aspects of the Incarnation was that when the Son entered into our human story he had to do so in a specific way. Because he was a middle-eastern Jew he could not be a European. He was male rather than female. He never became a biological parent or lived to a ripe old age. As a carpenter he did not experience other professions, etc. He was everything to us as our savior and redeemer and yet, some Christians also find great inspiration in reflecting on the lives of holy individuals whose lives perhaps more closely resemble their own. If you have suffered from spouse abuse it is nice to know that St. Rita suffered through that also and came out victorious. If you struggle with alcoholism it is awe inspiring to consider the life of St. Matthew Talbot or if you have a gambling addiction, to know that St. John of God overcame that challenge. Similarly, if you suffer from a serious illness, it is great to turn to the saints for strength and inspiration like St. Therese (TB), St. John Paul II (Parkinson's Disease) or St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer and AIDS patients (skin ulcer). These saints have helped to complete the sufferings of Christ as Saint Paul referred to. At any rate, if your hope is to spend eternity in Heaven, it cannot hurt to get to know some of those you will be spending that eternity with. So if you do not currently have a saintly friend in Heaven, maybe it is time to make one.



ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

The theme of the 2014 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is "Teach, Bless, Serve".

The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal provides substantial financial support to essential ministries that support parishes in our Catholic Church in western Oregon. These programs provide education and faith formation at all levels and provide a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people.

When we stop to count our abundant blessings, we are aware of how truly blessed we are. The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is an invitation to share your blessings and support for the Gospel mission here in Western Oregon. A pledge to this appeal is a sign that you are a part of the holy people who follow in the footsteps of the

faithful throughout this history of scripture. Your pledge is also a sign of your gratitude for God's generous abundance. While we can never out-do God in generosity, we are called to join in the mission of the Gospel as we pour forth the gifts of life, goodness, and grace through the sharing of our own blessings from God.

Thank you to the 437 parish households who have taken the opportunity to participate in the Annual Appeal and have contributed or pledged \$64,766 toward our parish goal of \$76,356. **We are at 85% of our Goal!** If you would like to pledge to the Appeal, the parish office has the envelopes needed. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish and Archdiocese.

PAM WOOD IS RETIRING!

After more than 30 years of dedicated service to our Parish, Pam Wood will be retiring on May 28, 2014. In addition to providing administrative support and reception for the parish office, Pam has been responsible for leading the offertory collection process, recording contributions on parishioners' records, registering new parishioners and recording all sacraments parishioners receive. She wears many "hats" during the day, and has served our Parish with loyalty, professionalism and compassion. We send our best wishes as Pam embarks on this new chapter in her life.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY NEEDED

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is seeking a part-time (25 hrs/wk) Administrative Secretary to provide administrative support, reception, and maintenance of parish records for parish office.

Responsibilities include:

- Lead the offertory collection process including coordination of volunteers
- Record and maintain church sacramental records
- Maintain parish registration records
- Record all contributions to parishioners' records
- Screen calls, answer questions, and greet and receive visitors to parish
- Process accounts payable payments to vendors

Qualifications and Skills:

- Preference given to bi-lingual candidate (English and Spanish)
- Understanding of general principles of office operations and secretarial procedures.
- Proficiency with computer, calculator (10 key by touch) and all basic office equipment.
- Demonstrated proficiency with word processing, accounting and database software.
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written).
- Organizational skills with ability to meet deadlines and prioritize workload.
- High level of accuracy and attention to detail with ability to maintain confidentiality.

Please mail resume and cover letter to Marie Chandler, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 517 W. 10th Street, Medford, OR 97501 or email to: mchandler@archdpdx.org.

Financial Report

	4/20/2014	4/21/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$23,742.25	\$12,852.86
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$776,059.59	\$789,936.82
Needed for Budget	\$758,322.17	\$750,471.69
Over (under) Budget	\$17,737.42	\$39,465.13

Thank you for your generous support of the parish!

HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will **strengthen the Church at home** and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more please visit www.usccb.org and search "home missions."

ALL YOUNG ADULTS -- AGES OF 18-40 are invited to the beautiful Serra Vineyard for tapas and drinks this upcoming Friday, May 9th for our Theology on Tap program! We had over twenty young adults show for our last event, to hang out, make friends, and listen to great talks. This week, Father Jose Campos Garcia will be speaking on immigration, titled, "The Face of Christ in Immigration". A question and answer session on the church's teaching on immigration will be held afterwards. The event starts at 6:30. Please contact your local young adult minister - Whitney Compton, for more information.

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.



"Cling to the Rosary as the creeper clings to the tree – for without Our Lady we cannot stand." ~~ Blessed Mother Theresa

GIFT CARDS FOR MAGDALENE HOME MOMS

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful Sacred Heart mothers! Please consider helping our young teen mothers by donating to our annual "Gift Card Drive." You may either donate by cash or check, or by purchasing \$25 gift cards to WalMart, Ross, and Target. These are available at many local grocery stores. You may leave your donation at the church office or drop them off at Magdalene Home. Be sure to note that it is for the gift card drive.

Our young mothers earn "points" towards these gift cards when they reach their goals and help out in extra ways at the home. It provides a worthy incentive for them to work hard at their schoolwork, parenting skills, and homemaking tasks. It is also a wonderful way to let them know that "other mothers" in our community support them in their challenging work of changing their lives for the better.

May God bless each of you for your role as mothers and for supporting our young moms as they develop skills!

Blessings, **Tricia Prendergast**
Executive Director



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

Please pray for the deceased of our parish, and for their families, especially: +Dolores Harmon, +Melba Gritsch, +Louise Wasick, and +Evelyn Mary Lou Welsh.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. May 5: +Bob Boyea
- T. May 6: +Laura Weber
- W. May 7: Craig McGarraugh
- Th. May 8: The Rayburn Family
- F. May 9: The Rayburn Family

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. May 5: +Augie Schettino
- T. May 6: Catholic Daughters
- W. May 7: Leslie Hartsough
- Th. May 8: +Augie Schettino
- F. May 9: +Ann Van Smoorenburg
- S. May 10: +Augie Schettino

LITURGY CORNER

More than simply a "prelude" to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the proclamation of the Word – the Liturgy of the Word – opens for us an encounter with the risen Jesus and the richness of the Mysteries we celebrate. In today's Gospel reading, the transformation of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus parallels our transformation as we hear the story of salvation in the Liturgy of the Word. Each Sunday, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus speaks to us and is present in the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass.

"I became a lector at Sacred Heart by invitation, encouraged by a lady I'd met at daily Mass. They were shorthanded one day and asked me to step up! I really enjoy a regularly scheduled experience as a lector. I've grown in my faith through this service and am happy to say I have been a part of the community of Sacred Heart for more than 30 years now.. I encourage other parishioners to step forward and experience the personal and spiritual satisfaction brought by this simple but important service. It will bless you in ways you cannot imagine!" - Ellen Naumes

What blessings might await you? For more information about becoming a lector, please call or e-mail abrophy@shcs.org. Thank you! Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate

ST. ANNE'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Meeting: All members please join us Saturday, May 17th, at 11:00 a.m., at The Sizzler, located on Biddle Road. We will celebrate Installation of the New Officers:

President: Joyce DeZell

Vice President: Vicenta Tapia

Secretary: Charlotte McManus

Treasurer: Sandra Pfeil. Make plans to attend the Installation and No Host Lunch.



Mother's Day Plant Sale: This is the day!! Check out the variety of plants as you leave Mass; am sure you will find something that will attract your eye.

All proceeds from all fundraisers of the Altar Society support the needs of our altar -- the hosts, candles, wine etc. Thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

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.

Tuesday, May 6th is the next meeting; our guest speaker Father Jim Clifford, speaking on palliative care an area of health care that focuses on patient comfort including spiritual. We gather in 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 and tea will be available. Our meeting starts at 9:30.

Election of new officers takes place at this meeting.

May is our annual **Baby Shower** for Magdalene Home. Items needed include diapers size 3 and up, bath toys and baby towels. Currently in the home a 6 month old girl, two year old toddler girl plus a mother who is expecting. Remember Mother's Day is coming and something special for the girls would be nice, an idea is a gift card to Walmart.



CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE/GIFTS

Gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, or Weddings can be purchased at DOVE Book Center, 109 Depot St., Rogue River, OR. Hours are M-F, 11- 4:30, Sat. 11- 3. For info call Louise Wall at 541-582-4680.



"VEGAS IN THE VALLEY" 2014 for Hadley Hope Fund

Join us for a fun filled evening of Vegas style gaming with your chance to win fabulous prizes, and support a great cause! **Saturday, May 17th at 5:00 p.m.** at the **Rogue Valley Country Club.** Play Texas Hold'em, Roulette, Craps and Blackjack with funny money, cash in for tickets, and enter to win great prizes at the end of the evening. Enjoy appetizers and beverage. Individual tickets may be purchased online at www.hadleyhope.com for \$45/person or \$50/person at the door, or by calling **Bryan at 541-951-5188.**

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 11, scrambled eggs & ham, biscuits & gravy, pancakes and even French toast will be served up in the Hall by the Knights of Columbus -- all Mothers eat free!! Our parish youth will help serve. Cost is \$18.00 per family, \$6.00 adults, and \$2.00 children under 10 years old.



QUILTER BEE PLANNED

The Sacred Heart Sew-ers and Quilters will **meet on Thursday, May 8 from 9:30-12 in the Parish Hall.** Come join us if you can. We are working on a community quilt and other sewing projects. Any questions, call Kathy Hogge at 541-773-9805.



WEDNESDAY WEEDERS

Please join us Wednesday, May 14 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and help beautify the church grounds. All are welcome. Please bring gloves and tools. For more information please e-mail BJ Buxton at stevenandbj@gmail.com.

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MAY COFFEE & DONUTS

May 4th: Sacred Heart School

May 18th: Catholic Daughters

May 25th: 7:00 am: Dave & Rosemary Jumbeck

8:30 am: TBA

Come over after the 7 and 8:30 morning Masses on these Sundays and enjoy coffee and conversation!



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!

SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY!

SUNDAY, MAY 4!!!! Phase Two of Project Revamp. We will clean and prime the youth room today from 12-5pm. Come in your painting/cleaning clothes and feel free to bring any supplies that may help! All Sacred Heart youth and families are welcome!

Mile Marker Fundraiser Thank you so much for all of your prayers and financial support in pledging a mile so the Sacred Heart Youth *go the distance!* There are still Miles left and need your pledge! Look out for the return of our Mile Marker Fundraiser on June 15th 2014!

Calling all youth! Next week on May 11th 2014 is the annual Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Breakfast. They have requested the help of Sacred Heart Youth to serve at the breakfast. All you need to do to help is show up ready to serve all the wonderful mothers of our Parish. 10 servers are needed after the 7a.m. Mass. Thanks!

Ipad Fundraiser – The SHYM is having an Ipad raffle! Tickets are on sale during the month of May! On June 1st after the 5:00 p.m. Mass the winner will be drawn to close out our Bake Sale. If you would like to purchase a ticket just let one of our Sacred Heart Youth know!

NOTE FOR SACRED HEART YOUTH: If you signed up to participate in the raffle and have not yet picked up your raffle packet at the Parish Office, please do so during normal business hours.

Chaperones for Joe's Camp and Steubenville: We are in need of 3 Chaperones, who can also be a driver, for Joes Camp (June 22-27th) and for Steubenville Northwest (July 23-28th) -- 2 female and 1 male. If you are available please contact Whitney Compton in the parish office. The trips will have to be **canceled** if we do not have the necessary chaperones needed for each trip. All Chaperones must be cleared via background check (provided by the Arch Diocese) and "Called to Protect" trained.



CONFIRMATION

Our next class is Wednesday,
May 7, 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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

"Family" Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 7th – Thursday, 10th
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Families! Come and enjoy the fun at VBS! Kingdom Rock VBS designed for working parents, guardians, and kids together! Preschool through 5th grade
Teens are welcome to help or can accompany their siblings.



This year's theme is Kingdom Rock with castles, knights and fair maidens. VBS is life-changing as Kids develop a rock solid faith. They discover "How to Stand Strong For God" in every part of their lives. Kingdom Rock VBS reaches today's Kids with inspiring music and Bible adventures; to energizing games and Sciency-Fun Gizmos. Kingdom Rock has been designed and re-imagined to connect children's minds and hearts to one daily Bible Point and Saint of the Evening. It is very easy for Volunteers to follow along with the script -- all props and materials are supplied. To make our totally Catholic VBS work I need adult volunteers. Can you help out for one evening; a couple of hours or all week?? I will need help not only during the VBS week but also before then to make sets and props. Please sign up and join in the fun while ensuring our children have a cool Catholic VBS week!!

Contact Mary Stallard @ 541-779-4661.

QUO VADIS DAYS

All Catholic young men ages 13-18 -- do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend *Quo Vadis Days* camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having a great time. QVD is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and led by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese. QVD will be held from June 23-26 at Camp Howard. The cost is \$50.00. Scholarships are available, and bus transportation will be provided. Please log onto www.qvdays.org for information and to register.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to give a very "**BIG Thank You**" to the parishioners who frequently purchase gift cards/ Scrip from Sacred Heart School! This year we have received over **\$665** profit from gift card purchases by parishioners who do not have a child/grandchild at Sacred Heart School. We greatly appreciate your support! Thank You!

**The 7th Annual Real Catholic Men Conference
“Nunc Coepi. . . Now I Begin”**

Saturday, June 14th 2014 at The Proto-Cathedral of St. James Parish, Vancouver, WA

This year we will be hosting two of the most Powerful, Passionate and Inspirational Catholic Speakers to date: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Fr. Wade Menezes of the Fathers of Mercy. Please join us this year for Faith, Fellowship and Renewal, Saturday, June 14th, at The Proto-Cathedral of St. James Parish, Downtown Vancouver, WA. The day will include Breakfast, Lunch, Confession and will conclude with Saturday Vigil Mass. Tickets are only \$40. Save \$5 with early bird registration, ends May 19th. Please see our website www.RealCatholicMen.com for more information and details on the Conference. Always free to Holy and Religious, Group discounts and Scholarships available with pre-registration. If you have any other questions please call Ruben Lopez at 360-567-5659. Thank you and God Bless!



Oregon 2014 Citizens Initiative

STOP TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION

Today, approximately 4,000 abortions, are fully paid for by Oregon taxpayers. This Citizens Initiative will not restrict a woman's legal ability to choose abortion, but will insure taxpayers opposed to paying for abortions will no longer be forced to. Jackson County Right to Life volunteers are 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.

MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings.

If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org for the **May 30 – June 1 weekend at Our Lady of Peace retreat house in Beaverton, Oregon.** If this date does not work for you there are more weekends listed on-line.