

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FIRST READING: Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1 (96C)
SECOND READING: Galatians 3:26-29 GOSPEL: Luke 9:18-24

Dear Parishioners of Medford and Jacksonville,
My warmest greetings to all of you. My name is Fr. Ken Sampson and effective July 1st of this year I will become your new pastor. For the past four years I have served as pastor of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish in Astoria and St. Francis de Sales Mission in Hammond. Prior to that I was the Parochial Vicar at St. Cecilia Parish in Beaverton where I also served previously as a Transitional Deacon. I served in my pastoral year at our cathedral in Portland. I have worked closely with Catholic schools at each of these locations and worked in a wide variety of other ministries besides, including prison and hospital chaplaincy, hospice care and retreat work.

Although I have been with the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon for the past eight years, originally I was a religious brother with the Discalced Carmelites (a contemplative religious order). They are involved in parish work but their principle charism is retreat work, spiritual direction, and teaching the faithful how to deepen their prayer lives. In that capacity I have done ministry in Arizona, Southern and Northern California, Washington and Oregon so altogether I have fifteen years of ministry experience. It was your current pastor, Fr. Kelly Vandehey, in his former capacity as vocations director, and Archbishop John Vlazny who ultimately enabled me to transfer from religious life to this archdiocese so it is somewhat poetic that both of those key figures are connected in some way to my coming to Medford and Jacksonville. Medford will be my eleventh parish assignment but my first in the southern part of Oregon and I am excited for the opportunity to serve among you.

I am not a native Oregonian. God has given me a missionary heart and has led me here by a winding path from the Mission Mountains of Montana. I am currently 45 years old and was born in Ronan, Montana near Flathead Lake. Until recently with the installation of our new archbishop, I was the only clergy member from that state in our archdiocese. Since I grew up in the country close to nature I love hiking, camping, fishing, white water rafting, mountain biking and all other forms of outdoor activities.

However, my first career in life was in sales and international marketing and in that capacity I have also lived in large cities like Tokyo, Japan, New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. I have been to over fifty countries so far and also lived or worked in thirteen states in all four corners of our country. This has taught me the skills of adapting quickly to new challenges and ways of doing things. Change has never been an enemy to me and I anticipate that I will quickly and enthusiastically adapt to Medford life. Anyway, it is important to me that you know that I was not born a minister and that I worked in the business world for more than ten years before even considering seminary as a serious option. That, along with my spiritual slip ups and mistakes as a fallen away Catholic in my 20s has become, by God's grace, a great strength for me because it has helped me to especially relate to people who struggle with their faith. As a result my preaching and teaching style is, I think, very "down to earth" and tied to real life struggles. My business background has also helped me as an administrator and collaborator. I certainly have my shortcomings too but, as Pope Francis would say in his papal motto, I am "lowly but chosen".

I will mention one shortcoming in particular though. I am not a skilled linguist as some of your former pastors have been. I study Spanish when I can find the time but my progress is woeful. This has never posed a problem for me in the past however because I have great respect for other cultures and have always approached ministry as a team process. I am bringing with me Fr. Arturo Romero of Mexico who, obviously, is a native Spanish speaker. He will serve your faith community as my parochial vicar. I am also bringing with me two seminarians since I work in seminarian formation. Norman Apo is from the Philippines and will be on a full pastoral year beginning in August and Deacon Moises Gonzalez will be on summer assignment in Medford so I will have plenty of multi-cultural ministry support. Together, I am confident we will find a way to effectively serve your needs.



Besides outdoor activities and travel some of my other hobbies include art (sketching, iconography, photography, art restoration, etc.), studying church and world history, SCUBA diving, writing and martial arts (Judo and Aikido). In ministry I have a particular passion for teaching the faith. Here in Astoria, after I began to realize early on that teaching is something that energizes me, I began teaching classes five days a week (Bible studies on the Old and New Testaments, Church History, Models of Catholic Spirituality, etc.) and have led day and week-long retreats as well. I do not know how much time the new demands of pastoring in Medford will allow me to pursue similar projects with you but, down the road, I hope gradually to try to incorporate some of those kinds of opportunities within the life of the parish.

After I arrive on July 1st, we will both have ample opportunities to get to know each other better. For now, know that you are all in my prayers and have been since the day that I found I was coming to join you. The Sacred Heart and St. Joseph are providentially two strong spiritual symbols in my life. My home parish in Ronan where I received all of my earlier sacraments is Sacred Heart Parish and this year, for the first time, my ordination anniversary fell on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. I kept you all in

my special prayers on that day. I guess I am making a “heart to heart” journey in coming to you. And as for St. Joseph...as a Carmelite I lived on Mt. St. Joseph in St. Joseph Monastery overlooking San Jose, CA in the diocese of San Jose and the province of St. Joseph. St. Joseph was my patron saint five times over. Once again, maybe it is God’s creative sense of humor at work. Whatever the case may be, I am thankful to both God and to the archbishop and the personnel board for granting me the opportunity to serve you. I do not know about other priests but, as for me, I am currently feeling every human emotion simultaneously from mourning as I prepare to leave friends here on the North Coast to excitement about facing new challenges. You may be feeling a mix of emotions yourselves. If any of those emotions include nervousness or anxiety of any kind, know this: I cannot promise you that I won’t make mistakes but I can promise that you will always get my best and I will give you my heart too. And as I commit myself to this new move all I ask in return is for your support and prayers. God bless you all and I look forward to seeing you all in July.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ken Sampson

There will be NO 7:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, July 4th due to the holiday.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. June 24: Jan Sieg
 T. June 25: Jan Sieg
 W. June 26: Jan Sieg
 Th. June 27: Jan Sieg
 Fr. June 28: Jan Sieg

Happy Birthday Jan!

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. June 24: +Allan Wardleigh
 T. June 25: +Nick Lombardo
 W. June 26: +Robert Land
 Th. June 27: +Arnold Paradis
 Fr. June 28: +Ricki Howell
 Sat. June 29: +Janice Gnos

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: Jacqui Peck, Annabelle Roberts, Dennis Velez, Millie Zarusinski, Nanette Hall, Sarah Cole, Ferrell Cunningham, Paul Zeleznik, Del Stratman, Marge Kearney, Vickie Harris, Marie Casilio, Patricia Wittenbrock, Celia Caporicci, Loretta Thrun, Denny Ferrin, Genevieve Plante, Eileen Van Dyck, Jeff Leroy, Brian Chachere, Margaret Welk, Rosary Brooks, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, John Preston, Mary Beveridge, Rita Morrell, Rose Casagrande, Mickey Ketchum, Marion & Bill Owens, Dick & Beverly Handley, and Calvin Schwenk.



Please pray for the deceased of our parish and for their families, especially:

+Helen Mode, +Morgan Thomas and +Helen Sullivan.

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2013

FITCHNER-MAINWARING PARK

Corner of Stewart and Holly, Medford

11:00 – 2:00

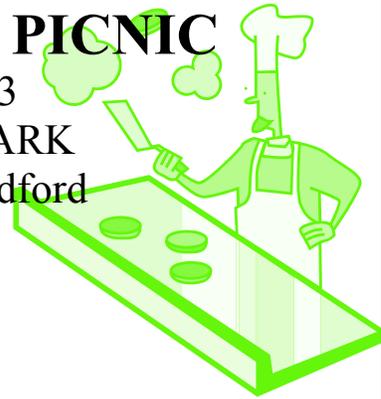
FOOD GAMES MUSIC

WATER SPRAY PARK

SNO CONES

&

SURPRISES



Burgers , Chips
Hot Dogs, Salad
FUN!



Come and greet Father Ken - our new Pastor!

Bring a chair and sunscreen -- everything else provided by the Parish!

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Events to Remember

Sunday, June 30th, hosting coffee and donuts after the 7:00 and 8:30 Masses, and the sale of Oriental Food and Tamales after the 12:00 noon Mass.

Produce Sale

Mid August - Gardeners please think of this sale if you have extra produce! Please watch the bulletin for further details.

Multi-Cultural Fall Festival

September 7th, 2013 at the Red Lion Inn. Tickets are on sale now. Call Jane at 541-772-4182, or Louise at 541-775-2441. Price of ticket -- \$30.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

Financial Report

Year to date through	<u>6/9/2013</u>	<u>6/10/2012</u>
Offertory received	\$911,790.42	\$873,256.37
Needed for Budget	\$872,641.50	\$894,230.97
Over (Under) Budget	\$39,148.92	(\$20,974.60)

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

Thank you Advertiser of the Week

ZOLL'S LAWN AND GARDEN

Please thank our Advertisers with your patronage. To place an ad please call Jack Wallich at 1-800-867-0660.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please check the bulletin board in the church foyer. I recently put up a photographic display, prayers and information pamphlets illustrating this year's Religious Education program in action. I will be taking registrations from late July through early September 2013 for all children Preschool through Grade 5 who want to be "cool" Catholics!! I look forward to seeing familiar faces and many new ones for our next Religious Year.

NO VBS THIS JUNE

Please help me to collect supplies for **VBS 2014**, - "Kingdom Rock -- Where We Stand Strong for God."

My top 4 VBS donation/supplies requests for this week

- Lanyards .. like the ones you get at training classes; meetings or conferences (for my Catechist and children's name tags)
- Castle prop materials.. red velvet, shiny blue jersey; blue or brown curtains.etc
- Holy pictures/cards
- Dollar store or Yard Sale kid's knights gear like swords, helmets, shields etc

Please drop off donations at the parish office and/or contact Mary Stallard Ph# 541-779-4661 ext 107.) Thank you so much.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

First Reconciliation -- Remember children the Sacrament of Reconciliation you received for the first time on January 9th. Now think about how many times you have been able to receive this gift since then? Confessions are every Saturday from 3:30 to 5:15pm.

Keep those photos coming of your First Communion child. I am needing a few more to display in the church.

For Further Information contact:

Mary Stallard
Religious Education Coordinator
541-779-4661 Ext 107



YOUTH MINISTER WANTED

Help shape the future of our Church! Sacred Heart is seeking a Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to continue our Life Teen, Edge and Confirmation programs.

Responsibilities include:

- Direct the High School Life Teen program and the Mid-High Edge program.
- Organize, plan and teach Confirmation program - focusing on faith formation of all students.
- Outreach to local high schools

Qualifications and Skills needed:

- High preference given to bi-lingual candidate (English and Spanish)
- Demonstrated ability to reach youth
- Experience in the faith formation of youth
- Well grounded in Catholic faith, and faithful to the Magisterium
- Living a sacramental life.
- Education appropriate for the position

Email resume to Marie Chandler at mchandler@archdpx.org.

QUO VADIS DAYS

Where are you going? Jesus has a plan for you! Quo Vadis Days is a 5-day summer camp for young Catholic men (ages 15 to 25) to learn more about the priesthood, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God's call in their lives.

August 5 -- 9, 2013 at Aldersgate Camps and Retreats in Turner, OR -- near Salem

Prayer, sports, paintball, hiking, campfire, adoration, and inspiring talks.

For information and registration go to: www.qvdays.org

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Could you not keep watch for one hour?

Mk 14: 37

Open Hours:

Sunday: 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.,
11:00 p.m.
Monday: 12:00 midnight, 1:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m.
Friday: 1:00 a.m., 10:00 p.m.
Saturday: 12:00 midnight, 1:00 a.m.,
2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.,
11:00 p.m.

To sign up for an hour of Adoration, please call Dan or Sarah 541-582-3717.

ROSARY SALE

Sunday, June 23, 8:00 to 3:00 p.m.
We have rosaries of every color for every occasion. Rosaries can be special ordered through the Rosary Guild. Call Bertha at 541-245-6981.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Take time this summer to come to the Hall after the 7:00 or 8:30 Mass on Sunday and eat a donut, have a cup of coffee, converse with old friends and make some new ones!

Hosted by:

June 23: 7:00 - BJ Buxton
8:30 - TBA

June 30: 7:00 & 8:30 - Altar Society

**ST. RITA'S RETREAT CENTER
2013 Festival of Praise Concert Season
Sacred Grotto Amphitheater
10800 Blackwell Road, Gold Hill, OR**

All concerts are on Sundays 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
All concerts are free -- a free will offering will be accepted.

July 14: Refiners Fire
July 21: Long Mountain Revival
July 28: CrossRose
August 4: Created to Worship



For more information go to:
www.stritaretreat.org or call 541-855-1333.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS
2424 N. Pacific Hwy. 541-772-3828 (Ext. 7)

A "VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR" is needed from December 1 to April 1, 2014.

Volunteers are also needed:

- THRIFT STORE**
- OFFICE WORKER.**
- URBAN REST STOP**



If you can help, please call - 541-772-3828 (Ext. 7)

St. Vincent de Paul is an all volunteer organization.

Your "gift of your time" is greatly appreciated.

OLIVE WOOD ARTICLES SALE

A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after Masses next weekend, June 29 and 30th on behalf of the Christian Catholic families in Bethlehem. These families work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood that represent the Christian art of the Holy Land. They used to sell their products to pilgrims who visited the Holy Land but these days they face an economic hardship as there are few tourists there due to security issues. Many of them have immigrated and have left the Holy Land. The percentage of Christians remaining has dropped to less than 2%. If this hardship continues as it is now, we believe in few years there will be no Christian people in Bethlehem or Jerusalem, where Jesus was born. Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate.



A CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR CAREGIVERS

If you are a caregiver, please join us in a weekend retreat Friday, June 28 at 7PM to Sunday, June 30 at 2PM at St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill, sponsored by Compassionate Caregivers. Cost \$125. Call 541-973-4218 for details. Take this time to be renewed spiritually, relax, recharge, and restore balance.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE on “OUR FAITH”

As we celebrate the Church's Year of Faith, this column will look into the different aspects of our faith and faith practices. Understanding what we believe and why, is an important part of this year's celebration.

WHAT DO THE LIGHTED CANDLES ON THE ALTAR SIGNIFY?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states the following with regard to the use of candles: “The candles, which are required at every liturgical service out of reverence and on the account of the festiveness of the celebration (cf.no.117), are to be appropriately placed either on or around the altar in a way suited to the design of the altar so that the whole may be well balanced and not interfere with the faithful's clear view of what takes place on the altar or what is placed on it” (no.307).

At Mass, at least two beeswax candles are required on the altar. It is not permitted to begin Mass before the candles are lighted, nor are they to be extinguished until the end of the liturgy.

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