

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:11 (103A)**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23 GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23**

**FATHER KEN'S KORNER**

*During this ongoing anniversary of the Vatican II Council, we continue our exploration of the Vatican II documents as a faith community with...*

Lumen Gentium

(Dogmatic Constitution on the Church): Part 4

Today we arrive at our fourth and final installation of reflections on Lumen Gentium, where this weekend we close by considering the final three chapters...

Chapter 6 – Religious Orders: Throughout the centuries there have been those Christians who have been called by God to live out their faith in more radical ways, generally following a life of poverty, chastity and obedience in pursuit of some special ministry/charism in service to the Church. These various forms of religious life should be seen as a gift from God (43). On the other hand, they should not be seen as a “middle way” but, rather, as a special calling that both the laity and clergy may feel called to (43). The one who is called to this unique way of life “does so for two reasons: first in order to be set free from hindrances that could hold him back from fervent charity and perfect worship of God, and secondly, in order to consecrate himself to a more thorough... way to the service of God” (44). These three counsels (poverty, chastity and obedience) are prophetic in nature in that they point to eternal happiness rather than an earthly material happiness. The counsel of poverty rejects materialism/consumerism as a lasting source of happiness just as the counsel of chastity rejects hedonism/the life of the flesh and the counsel of obedience rejects egoism/the pursuit of power. They also unite religious to the Church in a special way, inspiring others to keep their priorities in the right place (44). These sacrificial commitments help to remove obstacles to holiness in those who practice them more closely and unite individuals to God when those counsels are lived out faithfully with joy. The Church will always continue to endorse the various forms of religious life that the Holy Spirit has inspired.

Chapter 7 – The Pilgrim Church: This chapter reminds us all that we are a community on a journey. We are “strangers in a strange land” because our true home is Heaven. The Church constantly reminds us that we are simply passing through this life and that our true treasure should be stored up in

Heaven. The Church is tasked with working to help establish the Kingdom of God which is, at the same time, “already” and “not yet” present. In understanding that dynamic we must consider the Church in its three phases. The Church triumphant is made up of those saints/members of the Church who are already united with God in Heaven, and the Church suffering (in Purgatory) and the Church militant (members living on Earth) are still in the process of getting there (48-50). All three of these sub-communities of the Church are joined together in the liturgy especially within the celebration of the Mass. Our Church “accepts loyally the venerable faith of our ancestors in the living communion which exists between us and [those] who are in the glory of Heaven or who are yet being purified after their death” and there is a communion formed between the living and the dead as we help one another to complete our journey toward Heaven by our fervent prayers (51).

Chapter 8 – Our Lady: Finally, we must consider the Virgin Mary, who in receiving the Word of God truly became the Mother of God and helped to bring salvation and life to the world. As such, she is said to be a “type” of the Church since the Church also acts as our mother who daily, through the sacramental life of the Church and through her holy works, also gives birth to Christ in our own times. The Church makes Christ present every day, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, through the reading of sacred scripture (the living word of God that she produced), through common prayer (“where two or three are gathered together in my name I am there in their midst”), in the person of the ordained minister who consecrates and blesses and in the sacraments, especially and substantially in the Eucharist. “As St. Ambrose taught, the Mother of God is a type of the Church in the order of faith, charity, and perfect unity with Christ (61). As goes Mary, so goes the Church since we, as a pilgrim community, are becoming what she already is in glory. And, just as Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ, she is also the mother of his mystical body, the Church (68-69). Tune in next week for my closing analysis on Lumen Gentium, after which we will move on to Orientalium Ecclesiarum which addresses the Eastern Catholic Rites.

Dear Parishioners

I am Father Martin Tavares, originally from Guadalajara City in Mexico. I have been in formation for several years and in several places. Last May, I graduated from theology studies at Mount Angel Seminary. I made my philosophy studies in the city of Rome. Also, I have been Cistercian monk for several years. However, I am happy to be in this community because one of my devotion is to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sacred Heart of Mary. I grew up with those devotions. During the end of the 1920's Mexico raised up a religious persecution - many people were in danger of losing their faith because the Mexican president at that time was influenced by the Russian Doctrine. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Saint Mary of Guadalupe kept the people of Mexico faithful to Jesus and to the doctrine of the Catholic Church. I am glad to be here and to be a priest of the Catholic Church and to serve this Medford community. I give thanks to the Lord for allowing me to serve this community and will continue praying for each one of you and for the salvation of those who are far from our faith. Thank you all of you for welcoming me.

**IMMACULATE HEART OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Holy Mary Virgin of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence I join my voice to that of all the generations who call you blessed. Accept with the benevolence of a Mother my sharing in the consecration of our Archdiocese to your Immaculate Heart. Hold my life in your arms: bless and strengthen every desire for good; revive and nourish faith;

sustain and enlighten hope; awaken and animate charity; guide me along the path of holiness. Bring me under your protection and entrust me to your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus. Amen.



*Thank you to Sharon Anderson for allowing us to borrow her lovely statue on June 28/29.*

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

- M. July 14: The Sieg Family
- T. July 15: +Elsie Hale
- W. July 16: +Dolores Harmon
- Th. July 17: +Juan Hildago
- F. July 18: +Elsie Hale

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

- M. July 14: +Louise Wasick
- T. July 15: +Floyd & +Helen Mode
- W. July 16: +Katie Sakraida
- Th. July 17: +Louise Wasick
- F. July 18: +Dolores Harmon
- S. July 19: +Gertrude Marshall

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick of our parish especially: Sharon Anderson, Leona Piascki, Hindy Moser, Kathy Kim, Jean Roan, Paul Zeleznik, Jeffrey Techau, Carmen Aitken, James Bright, Connie Moyer, Steve Rayburn, Beth Curl, Pedro Picazzo III, Lenore Leines, Margaret Mucha, Joan Bain, Donna Becker, Larry Beskow, Lisa Young, Annelies Boivin, Nanette Hall, Patti Otto, Eileen Van Dyck, Pamela Demian, William Cummings, Marie Casilio, Rachel Scott, John Kuchler, Patti Wittenbrock, Fran Stuart, Jennifer White, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell, Marge Kearney, and Dick & Beverly Handley.

**Please pray for the deceased of our parish, and for their families, especially:** +Paul Cooper, +Florence Homan, and +Calvin Schwenk.

**Financial Report**

	6/29/2014	6/30/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$14,073.11	\$14,587.86
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$937,057.11	\$952,740.48
Needed for Budget	\$938,875.07	\$924,999.99
Over (under) Budget	(\$1,817.96)	\$27,740.49

Thank you to all who contribute to the support of the parish!

**ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

All are invited to pray the Rosary daily at 8:00 a.m. (before Mass). The Divine Mercy Chaplet follows the 8:30 Mass Monday through Saturday. Time well spent.

**BLESSINGS TO YOU, DEAR FAMILY OF SACRED HEART PARISH, MEDFORD!**

My name is Father Justus Alaeto. Most of you already know me from Shepherd of the Valley Church, Central Point, (our neighboring parish) before I came here. Originally, I am from the South East of Nigeria, West Africa. I did half of my Seminary studies towards priesthood in Nigeria, and the other half here in the United States. This is almost my ninth year in the States. I was ordained to the priesthood in 2012 at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Portland. My first assignment was at Shepherd of the Valley Church in Central Point, and my second assignment is here in Sacred Heart Parish, Medford. I always love the name “Sacred Heart.” My school in Wisconsin also bears the name; “Sacred Heart,” and I love the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother Mary. So, I feel very much privileged to be part of your faith, and part of this sacred family, Sacred Heart Church. In my humble spirit, I thank you and thank our Pastor, Father Ken and the staff for your warm and spiritual welcome to me and to Father Martin as we make this transition to serve you and the Church in this archdiocese. Please, I enjoin you keep us in your prayers as we keep you in ours at daily Masses and services!

Father Justus Alaeto

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY  
2424 N. PACIFIC HWY**

St Vincent de Paul in Jackson County was started in 1982 with volunteers lead by Lil and Bill Howe at Sacred Heart Church. That same year Our Lady of the Mountain and Shepherd of the Valley volunteers joined forces to form the Rogue Valley District Council.

Nothing was done or is done without the inspiration of Jesus Christ working in all the volunteers who serve day in and day out. We need you to help keep this legacy of love and service alive as Jesus asked us. Please call 541-772-3828 Ext 7 and volunteer.



Our Legion of Mary offers a pilgrim Virgin statue with prayers to Our Lady. If you interested in hosting please call Jan Sieg at 541-779-5639, and make arrangements.

**ST. RITA RETREAT CENTER  
2014 FESTIVAL OF PRAISE  
CONCERT SEASON**

Sacred Grotto Amphitheater  
10800 Blackwell Road  
Gold Hill, OR 97525  
For more info: (541) 855-1333



***FEATURING:***

- July 13--CrossRose
- July 20th--Joshua 24:15
- July 27th--Shepherd's Voice
- August 3rd--Long Mountain Revival

***ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE--6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM***

**SNACK BAR AVAILABLE, FREE WILL OFFERING ACCEPTED**

**2014 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEEF RAFFLE**

***Get your tickets at the church picnic!!!***

Tickets \$5 each

2 winning tickets will be drawn 9/8/2014  
only 1,000 tickets are being sold



Each winner will receive 1/4 of a grass-fed cow, cut, wrapped, & frozen -- value \$800. Proceeds will help support local pro-life charities including Magdalene Home, St. Vincent de Paul, and The Pregnancy Center. See <http://kofc1594.org/beef> for other ticket-buying locations. Remaining unsold tickets will be sold after Masses in July (dates tba).

## SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY!

**Sacred Heart Youth Minister Information:** Whitney Compton  
[wcompton@archdpdx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpdx.org), to reach me on my cell phone please e-mail me for my number.

**MEDFORD ROGUES Baseball Game, FAITH NIGHT at the Ball Park:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014. To purchase tickets head to the Rogues stadium box office.

**STEBENVILLE NW Meeting:** Our next meeting for all Sacred Heart Youth attending Steubenville will be WEDNESDAY, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 from 6:15-7:30pm. In the Parish Hall.

### **SACRED HEART YOUTH ROOM!!!**

CALLING ALL SACRED HEART PARISH MEMBERS!!!! The Youth Room is almost revamped! We need all hands on deck for one more day to complete the Youth Room for our Sacred Heart Youth. Join us Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> for a final work day to help finish the Youth Room!!! Located at Sacred Heart School Gym - corner of 11th and Holly.

**\*if you have paint brushes or rollers that can be used on the project bring them along, they will be a great help**

### **MILE MARKER FUNDRAISER**

The SHYM Mile Marker Fundraiser is back! The youth will be available after all Sunday Masses (JULY 13<sup>th</sup> - TODAY) to humbly accept your donation so they can get to Spokane Washington later this month for the Steubenville NW Youth Conference.

## -- JOES CAMP --

**SERVICE PROJECTS:** weeding gardens, hauling and shoveling dirt, moving furniture and more! Several groups of teens stayed behind each day to pray -- lifting up to our Lord not only Joe's camp participants but the entire community!



Joe's camp was a great opportunity to grow in my faith, help community, and meet other Catholics my age. I enjoyed meeting new people, and serving God through simple tasks, such as helping clean a school. I felt that the Lord touched me through the community service and that there is more I can do to help those around me. ~ Kierstyn Jantzer



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUCCESS!!**

What fun we had at Kingdom Rock Family VBS last week!!

A huge thank you to my fearless Crew who made it all possible: Debbie & Sullivan Haste, Jan & Gino Sieg, Shannon Hagler Tonya & Josh Alger, Amanda Long, Ingrid & Steve DeCarlow, Paul Stancel, Tom Lupes, Dawna McGill; Adele McVeigh; Renee Rostel; Joyce DeZell; Joyce Marks, Leah Sabel, Marilyn Gradwell, Kayla Hadley, and Jacob Cannon  
All week we learned:-

God's love helps us to STAND STRONG  
Family & Friends help us STAND STRONG  
Prayer helps us STAND STRONG  
Trusting God helps us STAND STRONG and  
The Bible helps us STAND STRONG

We loved finding out about these awesome saints:-  
Joan of Arc, Francis of Assisi, Bernadette Soubrouis, and  
Martin de Porres

With games, sciency gizmos, amazing Bible stories, Cool songs and a Children's Mass there was something for everyone!!  
At Sacred Heart it really is "Cool to Be Catholic"  
Mary Stallard

**JULY COFFEE & DONUTS**

**hosted by:**

13th 7:00 a.m.: Dean Federhart / Stan Zwan

8:30 a.m.: TBA

20th 7:00 a.m.: Amy Spieler

8:30 a.m.: TBA

27th 7:00 a.m.:

Dave, Rosemary  
& Janet Jumbeck

8:30 a.m.: TBA

Thank you  
faithful  
volunteers!



**WEDNESDAY WEEDERS**

will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. this summer. We work for 1 1/2 hours. Join us for all or part of that time to help improve and maintain the church property. Please bring gloves and your own hand tools.

For information please call  
BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292.



**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME**

Sacred Heart Angels had a disappointing loss last week to Rusty's 4X4. Unfortunately we only had 8 players instead of the usual ten due to injuries and vacations. A lot of field to cover for those outfielders when we don't have enough players. Everyone put up a valiant fight in spite of the lack of manpower and the grueling heat (104 or higher on the field)

**Thanks to Father Ken** for stepping up to the plate (no pun intended) and subbing. He did very well at first base especially considering he was using a borrowed mitt and hadn't played in 20 years. We're hoping he will join us again this week.

Come on out and cheer us on this Tuesday, July 15 at 6 PM on Field 4 or our last game on Tuesday, July 22 at 8:30 PM on Field 5 at Century Link Fields on Hwy. 99.  
See you there!

**FRANCISCANS**

*The Secular Franciscans have **changed** their meeting time to Sunday, July 27 from 1:30-4:30 at the Parish Office. Please visit our website at [www.stfrancis-roguevalley-ofs.com](http://www.stfrancis-roguevalley-ofs.com). Click on the News tab for the seasonal news.*

*All are welcome. God bless you!*

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**CATHOLIC FAMILIES WITH FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES  
SUMMER WEEKEND RETREAT**

August 22, 23, 24

Journey Together In Hope -- a retreat for Catholic families who have family members with disabilities will be held the weekend of August 22, 23, and 24, 2014, at Aldersgate Conference Center -- just outside of Salem in Turner, Oregon. This weekend is designed to bring together Catholic families with children (all ages) with disabilities to have fun together, to celebrate, to share faith, to rest and relax, and to build supportive friendships. For registration information, call the Archdiocesan Office for People with Disabilities at 503-233-8399 or email [dcoughlin@archdpx.org](mailto:dcoughlin@archdpx.org)

**MATTHEW KELLY IN PORTLAND**

Australian Matthew Kelly, a dynamic Catholic speaker will make 2 appearances on Saturday, July 19th: St. Pius X Parish at 10:00 a.m. and Central Catholic High School at 6:00. The event is about 4 hours and consists of three presentations along with musical interludes. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$39. Those attending will receive a sack of take a way materials to use to spread Matthew Kelly's message to those unable to attend.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Connect with your spouse this summer and learn more about **God's desire for your marriage: a lifetime filled with Sacramental love and joy.** Our Lady of Peace Retreat center in Beaverton, Oregon will host a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Apply now on-line at [www.rediscoverthespark.org](http://www.rediscoverthespark.org) or call **(503) 853-2758**.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

St Vincent de Paul's Urban Rest Stop provides showers and laundry facilities for homeless men and women from 8-12:00 Monday through Fridays. Staff includes a male and female from a local parish plus 1 – 2 homeless volunteers. We currently need a male for the Tuesday staff. Call us or come and visit and see if this fits your time and talents.

Contact TC (541) 301-0025 or Lee (541) 601-5273.

Parishioners: please continue to pray for St Vincent's volunteers and for our clients.

**JACKSON COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE SIGNATURE DRIVE**

The drive is finished now and sadly there were 95,000 signatures gathered statewide and about 120,000 were needed. I thank Sacred Heart for all its support - it has always had open arms for Jackson County Right to Life with all of our pro-life work. Sanda Collegio