



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 (106A)

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27 GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43

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): Analysis

When I began my summary of Lumen Gentium on the Church four weeks ago, I mentioned that initially, this topic (defining what the Church is) was underestimated by many of the cardinals who participated in the Vatican II Council. Their first rejected rough draft on this subject was impoverished and overly simple in its view of the Church as a hierarchical religious institution. Many rewrites later (at the pope's insistence), a rich tapestry was produced that touched on multiple dimensions which make up the Church. The document discussed the Church as mystery with its various scriptural images and titles and their implications. It also touched on the people of God throughout salvation history, mentioning how the Church was present in seed form even from creation and how it gradually unfolded and was revealed throughout salvation history and became more and more visible through the events of Pentecost. The topic of "people of God" was also considered from the perspective of how other Christians, other monotheists, and other people of goodwill become real or potential participants in this same one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church established by God through varying degrees of unity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#836-845) would later speak of these degrees of unity as being made up first of practicing Catholics, then Orthodox Christians, then other Christians in general, then the Jews, then other monotheists, followed by people of goodwill who seek to live a moral life according to their best understanding. In this, one might envision ripples in a pond or a ringed archery target with greater unity being found the closer one gets to the center. Only then did the document mention the hierarchical nature of the Church as the cardinals originally wanted to do, but here, the emphasis on holy orders was one of service rather than power. The clergy's role was described as one in which the unity of the Church is built up and preserved through the liturgy, the sacraments and teaching and where the clergy empower the Church's members to reach their

potential and accomplish the Church's mission. Then the document discussed the role of the laity and the universal call to holiness which presented a much more dynamic partnership between the clergy, religious and laity and reminded us that we are all called to become saints regardless of our particular vocation. After that, the document considered the particular role of religious life in its various forms where consecrated clergy and laity are called to work side-by-side through their prophetic witness of poverty, chastity and obedience in service of the greater mission of the Church. Then the Church was considered in its three expressions of the Church triumphant, suffering and militant in Heaven with the saints, in Purgatory with those undergoing final purification and on Earth as the pilgrim Church is both unfolding and completed at the same time. Here, mention was made of how these three sub-communities of the Church pray for one another and help one another get to Heaven and how all are joined together in the celebration of the Mass. Last of all, the Church was considered as mother and teacher after the example of Mary. Just as Mary helped to bring Christ into the world in the Incarnation through her "Yes", the Church also continues to help make Christ Incarnate to the world today substantially, through the Eucharist, and in various other ways as its members shine the light of Christ through their Christian witness.

It is all beautiful to ponder and yet, research shows that this message...the message of the importance of the Church is not understood and is, in fact, even actively ignored. In the pope's final Wednesday address this year, Pope Francis said, "If your first name is Christian then your last name is Member of the Church". However, survey after survey in America notes a growing trend of people who consider themselves spiritual but not religious. For instance, in a recent Gallup poll of Oregon, 24.6% of Oregonians say they go to church weekly, which ranks us currently 50th out of 50 states in church attendance. And yet, in the same survey 46% of Oregonians say that spirituality is important in their life. Clearly what is not important for many is being a member of a church or faith community. This disconnect is not part of God's plan.

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FATHER KEN'S KORNER CONTINUED

The Church is the Body of Christ, led by the Holy Spirit and directed in worship toward the Father. The Church is our mother and teacher that gives us life, spiritual nourishment, protection and education. And the Church is our modern day Noah's Ark. We cannot survive and enter into eternal life without it. So do not just be spiritual.

Be a member of God's Church. And do not approach the Church with a consumer mentality asking what services it can provide for me. The Church is not a service business. It is a family... and you do not ask what your family can do for you. You mutually support and sacrifice for one another in love. If your first name is Christian your last name must be Member of the Church!

**THE PATRICIANS
A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP
--meets every 3rd Monday --**

Come Monday, July 21 at 9:30 a.m. to the Parish Hall. Enjoy coffee and a donut and then enter the discussion. Our topic this month is "Mary, the Immaculate Conception". Father Justus will be our Spiritual Advisor.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Could you not keep watch for one hour?

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

RECEIVE THE BULLETIN VIA EMAIL

Pop Eileen an email at ekralik@shcs.org and get the parish news before the weekend.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. July 21: +Josephine Nielsen
- T. July 22: +Frances Kruer
- W. July 23: +Daisy Ching
- Th. July 24: +Charles & +Maxine Larkin
- F. July 25: Chisato Wright

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. July 21: +Melba Gritsch
- T. July 22: +Dolores Harmon
- W. July 23: The Naumes Family
- Th. July 24: +Louise Wasick
- F. July 25: +Floyd & +Helen Mode
- S. July 26: Tom & Mindy Sakraida's
40th Wedding Anniversary



PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Joan Bain, Robert Goodhead, Cynthia Segora, Sharon Anderson, Leona Piascki, Hindy Moser, Kathy Kim, Jean Roan, Paul Zeleznik, Jeffrey Techau, Patti Otto, Carmen Aitken, James Bright, Connie Moyer, Steve Rayburn, Beth Curl, Pedro Picazzo III, Lenore Leines, Margaret Mucha, Donna Becker, Larry Beskow, Lisa Young, Annelies Boivin, Nanette Hall, 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: +Cataline Boringot

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.

PARISH PICNIC – THANKS FOR COMING!

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Parish Picnic another huge success!
Special thanks go to:

- Ø The planning team consisting of Sylvia Stephenson, Larry and Nancy Irwin, Annie Sanchez, and Jim and Melanie Bonagofski
- Ø The Knights of Columbus for equipment set-up, tear-down, BBQing and all around help
- Ø Jose Mendoza for preparing and cooking his secret-recipe BBQ chicken
- Ø The Hospitality Committee for their warm welcome
- Ø Dominic Fontana and Chris Sinclair for their uplifting music
- Ø Face painters Evelyn Tucker, Annie Sanchez and Tony Sanchez
- Ø Medford Fire and Medford Community Services for sharing their fire engine and squad car, and for teaching us life-giving CPR
- Ø All those who volunteered to set up and serve food, and help clean up
- Ø Sacred Heart for sponsoring the event!

Without you all we would not have been able to share the wonderful fellowship that is Sacred Heart Parish.



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. Click on the News tab for the seasonal news.

All are welcome. God bless you!



WEDNESDAY WEEDERS

To accommodate summer vacations and retreats Wednesday Weeders will NOT meet the last two weeks of July and August. Join us for the first two weeks of August. We work in the morning from 8 -- 9:30 a.m. Please bring your own gloves and tools.

JULY COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:

20th 7:00 a.m.: BJ Buxton
8:30 a.m.: Amy Spieler
27th 7:00 a.m.: Dave, Rosemary & Janet Jumbeck
8:30 a.m.: TBA Thank you faithful volunteers!



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.



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 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

SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

To obtain Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Information Contact:

Whitney Compton

wcompton@archdpx.org, to reach Whitney on her cell phone please e-mail her for her number.

STEBENVILLE NW: A BIG THANKS to all those who have made a donation for our youth to get to Steubenville NW. We are taking 32 youth to Spokane, WA for a CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE. We leave on Wednesday, July 23rd. The goals of the Steubenville NW conference are;

- To give responsibility (of upholding the teachings of the Catholic Faith today's globalized society) to our youth
- To provide them tools to begin to live a moral lifestyle in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church
- To present with tools for how to sustain a moral Catholic lifestyle beyond high-school when they enter the "real world"
- To change the hearts of young people by providing an intense a Eucharistic Encounter with our Lord in the Eucharist.

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church,

We have not yet reached the financial goal to take our youth on this trip. First and foremost, I ask for your prayers, they are vital and life giving for our youth. Second, as the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries I ask for your help; if you would pray and consider giving a donation to our youth ministry, your donation would be very helpful. This trip will give the future Catholic's of Sacred Heart Church a chance to grow in their faith and strengthen their relationships. The relationships in communion with one another and also their relationship with the Lord, the Creator of the Universe, the GREAT I AM, who is with us each Sunday at Mass! Your charitable donation can be sent into Sacred Heart Church, 517 W. 10th Street, Medford, OR 97501. All checks can be made to Sacred Heart and in the memo line: Youth Ministry. I pray the Lord repay's you 10 fold and I thank you both for your prayers and monetary support.

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 (TODAY JULY 20TH) to complete the youth room for our Sacred Heart Youth. Join us for a final work day to help finish the youth room!!!

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

CONFIRMATION:

Registration for Confirmation will open Monday, August 18th
and close Wednesday, October 1st 2014.

To register make an appointment with Sacred Heart Youth Minister Whitney Compton. *contact information above

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):

Open registration for youth group will begin August 5th 2104. There will be a registration packet to fill out for each youth you have attending youth group. To grab a registration packet visit Whitney Compton in the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry office. *contact information above* packets will be ready August 5th 2014

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

JOB OPENINGS: SACRED HEART CHURCH

Catechists: (Also called Religious Education Teachers or Sunday School Teachers)

Adult Teacher Aides: (Teacher Helpers or Assistants)

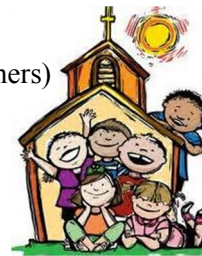
Where: Sacred Heart School (Campus) Cafeteria

When: Sunday morning

9:50 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Sept 21, 2014 – May 17, 2015

Requirements: Background Check/Called To Protect Training; Must love working with kids; Must have a joy and a love of our Catholic Faith.



Will accept old and new recruits!!

Grade Level Teacher Vacancies:-

Preschool -- 3 co-teachers + 1-2 Adult Assistants

Grade 1: -- 1 co-teacher

Grade 2: -- 1 substitute teacher + 1 Adult Assistant

Grade 3: -- 1 co-teacher

Grade 4: -- 2 co-teachers

Grade 5: -- 2 co-teachers.

Sacrament Preparation: -- 1 – 2 co-teachers to work with me

Substitute Teachers: -- 4

Contact: Mary Stallard @ Sacred Heart Church for further details.

VICARIATE CATECHIST IN-SERVICE MEETING

At Shepherd of The Valley Church, Central Point Saturday August 23rd - 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Each Catholic Church in our Southern Oregon Vicariate has been invited to attend a training day expressly for Catechists. Prayer, faith formation and practical suggestions as well the opportunity to meet fellow Catechists from churches around our region will make for a great day. After the opening prayer Sacred Heart Church group will have use of a room for our own first Religious Education Program Meeting for this school year.

Our efforts go to the continuing faith life of our children which directly effects the very future of our church. Please volunteer and come help us build our future Catholic strong.



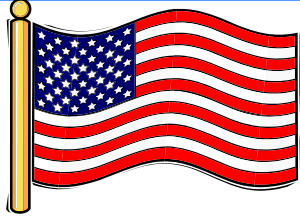
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sharing the evening meal with families, volunteers and friends was one of the great things about our first Family Vacation Bible School this year. Last week's bulletin missed this huge thanks to Joyce Marks and her wonderful crew of cooks from Shepherd of the Valley, Central Point and our Friday Crew, Danielle & Olivia Wheeler, and Amanda Long. Thank you so much -- we enjoyed your food! Alas VBS is sadly over for another year but mark the date for next year.... July 6 – 9, 2015!!

See you there!!

CATHOLIC FAMILIES WITH FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES SUMMER WEEKEND RETREAT

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 -- 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. To register, call the Archdiocesan Office for People with Disabilities at 503-233-8399 or email dcoughlin@archdpx.org



VOLUNTEER TO HELP VETERANS

The volunteer Caregiver Support Program (VCSP) was created to meet a growing need to support those who have the daily responsibility of caring for chronically ill and injured Veterans in their homes. Caring for someone who is no longer independent can be overwhelming and exhausting. The immense impact a volunteer can have on a Veteran and their family is immeasurable. VCSP provides our homebound Veterans with the opportunity to have a qualified, trained volunteer come into their home to visit once or twice a week. The volunteer will provide socialization and friendly companionship while providing the caregiver a much deserved break.

This is a wonderful way to help a Veteran living in your neighborhood. This program allows Veterans to remain in their homes as long as possible. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information call Valerie Neck, Program Coordinator at 541-826-2111 ext. 3935 or valerie.neck@va.gov
Thank you for your consideration.

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 22nd to the 24th. Apply now on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org or call **(503) 853-2758.**

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