

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32 (111C)

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:12-14 GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

Pope Francis Has Written His 1st Encyclical!!!

In the ancient Christian world, an encyclical letter was a letter written and addressed to an entire region and it was designed to be passed from town to town and hand copied along the way until it made its way back in a circular or "cyclical" fashion to its original starting point. The information contained within these encyclicals was of a general nature and, in the case of the Christian movement, it was information considered critical for the advancement of the Gospel, for general pastoral care in regard to certain complex and frequently occurring matters or for clearing up certain widespread confusion regarding faith and morals.

We have two examples of encyclical letters within the New Testament itself. The first appears in Acts 15:22-29 where a letter was written at the first recorded Council/Synod of the Church known as the Council of Jerusalem. The council was called for the Middle East region to resolve confusion about how to pastorally treat Gentile converts to Christianity. Could they convert directly to Christianity as some believed or did they have to first become Jews and then Christians. This encyclical letter records the council's determination... that Gentiles could directly enter the Christian faith but that, in order to keep the peace they should try to follow four basic codes of conduct to appease the concerns of Jewish converts to Christianity (which were the same four required of any Gentile in Israel who wished to do business with Jews).

The 2nd encyclical letter appearing in the New Testament is found in Revelation Ch 2-3. It was a letter addressed, through John, to the seven churches of Ephesus. It was basically a diocesan-like encyclical addressing the moral state of the Church in the region around Ephesus that would today be recognized as Southern Turkey. If one were to map out the location of these seven cities one would see that they were all located along the ancient Roman highway and that they formed a loose circle with Ephesus at the 6 o'clock position and that they are listed off in a clockwise fashion (in other words... a perfect "encyclical").

Especially since the late 1800s and the time of Pope Leo XIII, encyclicals have been written with relatively greater frequency in part due to the rapid changes of the modern world. These papal encyclicals address matters of faith and morals and represent the magisterial teaching authority of the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit as a helping guide to all believers.

On July 5th of this month, Pope Francis released his first encyclical. The topic is on faith and was meant for release in this year designated as "The Year of Faith". It is entitled *Lumen Fidei* ("The Light of Faith") and completes a trilogy of encyclicals on the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love that St. Paul wrote of. First came *Deus Caritas Est* ("God Is Love") in 2005. It was started by John Paul II and Completed by Benedict XVI so it represents the thinking of two popes. Then Benedict wrote *Spe Salvi* ("Saved By Hope") in 2007. The Church anticipated an encyclical on faith next but instead, Benedict surprised many by releasing the final encyclical credited to his name in 2009 and entitled *Caritas in Veritate* ("Charity in Truth"). Pope Francis completes the trilogy in the end with his first work. Like *Deus Caritas Est*, it is the work of two popes essentially. Benedict began it but retired before it was completed and then Francis added his own insights and completed it as an encyclical.

It is important as believing, practical Catholics that we read these encyclicals for ourselves and submit ourselves to their teaching with the obedience of faith. Along with Bible studies and the reading of Council documents and other writing such as those left to us by the saints, they represent the true intellectual treasure of the Church. We often read material for job advancement in our career or to enhance our ability to enjoy our hobbies or even just for entertainment. What could be more important than learning more about our faith which will help to determine how we will spend not just our summer or our career but our eternity. So check it out and may God continue to strengthen your faith and that of your loved ones in this Year of Faith.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

For the **annual "School Supplies Give-Away"**- (K-12) **Volunteers are needed**

as greeters, screeners, baggers, set-up and clean-up.

Set up and bagging on **THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY -- AUGUST 22-24.**

"Give Away" is

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY -- AUGUST 26-30.

Please call Laura Grosz - (541-770-2019) or volunteer coordinator (541-772-3828 Ext. 7)

Thanks for "helping hands". In 2012 over 4,100 area children were given "grade specific" basic school supplies.

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



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. July 29: +Joe Hohmann
T. July 30: +Dave Gaeta
W. July 31: The Janes Family
Th. Aug. 1: +Geneva Sessions
Fr. Aug. 2: Legion of Mary

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. July 29: +Janice Gnos
T. July 30: +Joanna Karcich
W. July 31: Gene Bray
Th. Aug. 1: +Bernie Kelly
Fr. Aug. 2: The Batzer Family
Sat. Aug. 3: +Edie Campagna

ST. RITA'S RETREAT CENTER

Sacred Grotto Amphitheater

10800 Blackwell Road, Gold Hill, OR

Concerts are on Sundays 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

All concerts are free -- free will offering accepted

July 28: CrossRose

August 4: Created to Worship

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



LATIN MASS will be celebrated by Father Adam, Sunday, August 4th at 4:00 p.m. At Our Lady of the River. Mass will be followed by a *potluck dinner*, so please bring food to share with six others.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Indelisa Garay, Leonard Krug, Sylvia Stern, Louise Sutch, Alice Blenkush, Linda Blixt, Jacqui Peck, Dennis Velez, Millie Zarusinski, Nanette Hall, Paul Zeleznik, Marge Kearney, Vickie Harris, Marie Casilio, Patricia Wittenbrock, Celia Caporicci, Loretta Thrun, Eileen Van Dyck, Jeff Leroy, Brian Chachere, Margaret Welk, Rosary Brooks, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, John Preston, Mary Beveridge, Rita Morrell, Calvin Schwenk Rose Casagrande, Mickey Ketchum, Marion & Bill Owens, and Dick & Beverly Handley.

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

+Georgia Adams, +John Demanby, +Mario Campagna, and +Helen Doody.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Could you not keep watch for one hour? Mk 14: 3

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

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Financial Report

Year to Date through	<u>7/14/2013</u>	<u>7/8/2012</u>
Offertory Received	\$37,676.31	\$35,873.75
Needed for Budget	\$36,110.58	\$34,905.66
Over (Under) Budget	\$1,565.73	\$968.09

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

"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, and the fruit of love is silence."
~~ Blessed Mother Teresa

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Need a great Senior project or just some quality service hours? Please consider becoming a Catechist/ Catechist’s Assistant or Religious Education “gopher” – requiring a willingness to help out where and when needed each Sunday. (“Gopher” position involves photography, set design, problem solving and ability to have fun!) Volunteer and have the joy of sharing and growing in love for our Catholic Faith. Please contact Mary Stallard for details.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We need a Catechist or Team of Catechists to teach our Kindergarten group. (A Catechist is a Religious Education Instructor). There is a very easy to follow format and most parents stay to assist. Imagine the blessings that come with working with such a beautiful age group and loads of fun too!!

Every Catholic parish has as one of its primary activities the duty to catechize its members. The word catechize literally means “to echo”. Come be part of the “echo” and sign up to teach or assist with catechizing our children.

Any Religious Education questions please contact Mary Stallard at mstallard@shcs.org

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.

ARE YOU MUSICAL?

Sacred Heart Youth Choir forming! Come join director Don Meeker Wednesday night for rehearsal July 31 and August 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart School. Choir will perform 3 times on August 9th and 10th at Central High School in the Musical *Footloose*.

Ages 13 through young adult.
For information or to sign up call 541-324-8084.



PLEASE NOTE:

SCRIP will be sold all summer from 9:00 to noon on Fridays, at Sacred Heart School -- enter the door on 11th and Ivy. A portion of each dollar spent on SCRIP is donated to the school by the business you purchase SCRIP for. We have a large number of vendors -- check it out!

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come on over to the Hall after the 7 and 8:30 Masses and enjoy a yummy donut and coffee! July Schedule of Hosts:

July 28 7:00 - TBA

8:30 - The Jones family

Aug. 4 7:00 - Paul Stancel & John Meenaghan

8:30 - Renee Rostel & Daughters



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Consider being a blood donor and help save a life! The Red Cross is holding a blood drive in our Parish Hall on Tuesday, 23 July, 8:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please call 541-842-4707 for an appointment.

CATHOLIC CURSILLO WEEKEND

We invite you to make a Catholic Cursillo Weekend in the Southern Oregon area. Like a retreat, the Cursillo is a 3-day (Thurs night - Sunday afternoon) opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and a joyful community with approximately 30 fellow Catholics.

Men's Weekend -- Sept. 26-29, 2013

Women's Weekend-Oct. 10-13, 2013

Both weekends will be held at St. Rita's Retreat Center, Gold Hill. For application visit www.natl-cursillo.org or call Ethel German at 541-756-4882, egerman@halibut.net Or call Mike and Ann Reese at 541-440-2234 or michaelann_2010@yahoo.com

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Produce Sale: Mid August - Gardeners, please think of this sale if you have extra produce! Do 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 - 541-772-4182 or Louise - 541-776-2441. Tickets are \$30.

Thank you Advertiser of the Week

BATZER CONSTRUCTION

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

HEALING SERVICES

For those afflicted with a chronic or a temporary illness, of body or soul, a prayer service will be offered on Saturday, August 3rd, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Sickness drives us into ourselves and makes us feel alone. Coming together, we see that our weakness is a condition we share and one we can help each other to bear, as Jesus taught us to do. We will listen to His words and ask Him to send His Spirit to strengthen us through the imposition of hands by the priest.