

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a (115A)

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5 GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33



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...

Unitatis Redintegratio (Decree on Ecumenism): Part 2

Last weekend we began to explore Unitatis Redintegratio which lays out the Church's understanding of ecumenism. Among the points made in the document was the fact that division within the Christian family is a scandal and it is not part of God's plan. All Christians are called to end division within the Body of Christ that we might be one again, as Jesus prayed, so that the world might believe. The task of healing the persistent wounds of division falls upon clergy and the laity alike. The document also listed some of the complex details of this division that we must consider. For example, every time an individual or group separates from full communion with the Church this is a result of sin committed by both sides. This sin may take the form of lack of charity, luke-warmness, pride, disobedience, etc. but always the cause is evil. Also, those born into separated churches should not be viewed in the same way as those who have caused division initially or chosen to be separated from the Church. In fact, in many cases, these separated brothers and sisters are able to give inspiring witness through such means as their evangelization, acts of charity and sacrifice, up to and including martyrdom for their faith (4). Even though division continues to exist within Christianity, the Holy Spirit does work through these separated communities in surprising ways and salvation is found by many in these various denominations that exist outside the institutional Catholic Church despite that division. Salvation is certainly not exclusively available to Catholics. Further, we say that, even when fellow Christians are at times hostile or not on speaking terms with one another, degrees of unity still persist via our common baptism and the various authentic expressions of the apostolic faith that these separated brothers and sisters have held on to as received from the Catholic Church. This last point is perhaps the most important to clarify from the Catholic perspective because, according to our theology, despite the existence of thousands of distinctly different Christian denominations today, we do not see thousands of churches but one Church imperfectly expressed.

To illustrate the Catholic view of this troubling division, let us consider the example of the World Council of Churches, which engages in ecumenical dialog on a global scale. The WCC was patterned after the League of Nations (today known as the United Nations) and was inspired by Orthodox and Protestant church leaders in the early part of the 20th century. The organization was originally approved in 1937 and formed after World War II in 1946 with 147 global Christian churches as charter members. Today there are 345 member churches but the Catholic Church is not one of them (although we maintain a non-voting observing seat on the council). This is not due to reasons of opposition to Christian unity or lack of interest but rather because we continue to insist that there is only one church established by God. Put simply, we believe that each of those WCC members is already an imperfectly united member of the Catholic Church, though they would likely dispute this or even be offended, in some cases, by such a proposition and though their membership is obviously not formally visible. As we continue to try to propose that belief and remain in dialog, Unitatis Redintegratio urges that we work with other Christian communities whenever practically possible. These opportunities might include jointly providing certain social services, lobbying the government for change in certain areas and various other projects involving prayer and dialog. These might range from theological dialog at the highest levels (including having the Pope invite other Christian theologians to observe and dialog at Vatican II itself all the way down to the local level, where, for instance, here in Jackson County, a number of churches have joined with our St. Vincent De Paul Society to serve the poor).

What challenges to unity still remain for us to conquer? Well, to begin with, "there can be no ecumenism worthy of the name without interior conversion" (7). This might be the single-most important point made in the document. It is not some rhetorical technique or slick brochure that will ultimately rebuild the Body of Christ. It is sanctity. Saints inspire the lost to return home and that is what we all need to work on becoming. Also we must avoid the trap of viewing our differences as unimportant or accepting the viewpoint of moral relativism where one tries to claim that it really does not matter what church a person belongs to.

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FATHER KEN'S KORNER CONTINUED

Our differences do matter and they are real obstacles to unity. We overcome them by talking about them and not by avoiding talking about them. Further, we should not just casually engage in common worship with other Christians "indiscriminately" (8). It is for this reason that we do not allow intercommunion.

The Eucharist is not simply a symbol of hospitality to offer to non-Catholic guests when they join us at Mass. Aside from the fact that we believe it is Jesus himself and that we feel it is not appropriate for those who do not believe that to receive, the Eucharist also represents real unity. If one has not been formally received into the community and cannot say that they accept all that the Catholic Church proposes for our belief then to receive our Eucharist would be a lie. The same

reasoning applies if a Catholic joins another Christian celebration where a form of communion is practiced. Our goal is real unity and not apparent unity. We believe that maintaining clarity on this point is not only the more ethical response but also, in the end, is more respectful to other Christian traditions as well, when properly explained to our guests. Establishing real Christian unity also requires study, personal one-on-one relationship building and commitment to prayer. In Heaven, there will be only one community of faith. Let us each do our part in building up that community while still here on Earth just as God invites us to do. Tune in next week when we consider our next Vatican II document: *Christus Dominus*: Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church.



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
A Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses are at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
and 5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass is at 7:00 p.m..

ROSARY GUILD SALE -- August 17

Rosaries will be on sale Sunday, August 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. featuring many one of a kind, handmade rosaries. All profit supports free rosaries to the missions and the military. Come see what we have. Need a rosary repaired? Call Bertha at 541-245-6981.



NEW EVANGELIZATION STUDY

Starting September 11, 2014, our parish will begin the **Catholicism: The New Evangelization** study program. This program is based on the documentary by Fr. Robert Barron which focuses on the cultural obstacles the Church faces today and sends us on a mission with a message of great joy. This is a 7 week study and will be held in the Parish Hall from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

The cost is free, there is an optional workbook available for \$25. For registration or additional information contact Dawna McGill (541) 512-0471 or email mcgilldlj@clearwire.net.

"Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians."

~ St. Francis Xavier



"He who reads much and understands much, receives his fill. He who is full, refreshes others."

~ St. Ambrose

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Helen Puccetti, Ferrel Cunningham, Alice Blenkush, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Joan Bain, Robert Goodhead, Cynthia Sugiyura, Sharon Anderson, Leona Piascki, 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, 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: +Jared Ramirez

A Great New Bible Study Opportunity For You!

ANNOUNCING... "Genesis to Jesus: A Survey of the New Testament

with Father Ken Sampson



When: Thursdays... Afternoon Session: 1:30-2:30 pm

- Or -

Evening Session: 7:00-8:00 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Beginning: September 11th

Have you ever experienced frustration in your Bible knowledge or in locating a good Catholic program to participate in? Have you ever made a new year resolution to read the Bible cover to cover but given up somewhere around Leviticus or Numbers because the writings just made no sense to you? Have you ever wished you could be part of a group Bible study rather than struggling along on your own? This is your opportunity to experience something different. Enhance your prayer by studying and praying with the Scriptures! Experience good Christian fellowship! Do something spiritually rewarding with your spouse, family or friends! Join us this September-May for part 2 of our 2 year journey through the Bible as we take a closer look at the New Testament. Did you miss out on our study of the Old Testament? No worries! This study works as a stand alone too! Call our parish office or drop by to sign up.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. August 11: +Charles & +Maxine Larkin
 T. August 12: +Josephine Nielsen
 W. August 13: Steve Rayburn
 Th. August 14: Ryan Gorman
 F. August 15: Feast of Assumption

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. August 11: +Floyd & +Helen Mode
 T. August 12: +Jeannette Black
 W. August 13: +Florinda Souza
 Th. August 14: +Floyd & +Helen Mode
 F. August 15: Feast of Assumption
 S. August 16: Ed & Mary Jo Baich

PATRICIAN MEETING

Please join us on Monday, August 18th in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m. Come enjoy some coffee & a treat and then stay for our discussion.

Topic: Where do our beliefs in the Assumption of Mary into Heaven and her Crowning as Queen of Heaven come from? Father Justus is our Spiritual Advisor. We look forward to seeing you.



“Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness.”

~ St. John of Capistrano

Financial Report

	7/27/2014	7/28/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$13,984.66	\$12,789.65
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$65,480.58	\$63,948.15
Needed for Budget	\$72,576.92	\$72,221.15
Over (under) Budget	(\$7,096.34)	(\$8,273.00)

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

WEEKLY STAFF MEETINGS

Our parish staff is holding weekly staff meetings now through September and the office will be closed at this time. They are on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to about 3:00. We are sorry for the inconvenience.



**SACRED HEART
CUB SCOUT PACK 1
BARBEQUE FUN!**

Full steam ahead! Pack 1 is having our annual summer barbecue at the Medford Railroad park on Saturday, August 16th from 1 to 3 pm. Join us for fun, food and train rides on the Southern Oregon Live Steamer train. Families with boys in 1st through 4th grade who are interested in the Cub Scout program are encouraged to attend! Please RSVP to Tony Velho at 541-778-1508. See you there!

SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING

The local Secular Franciscan Fraternity will be meeting every third Sunday (August 17) from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room. If you are feeling the tug to enrich your faith journey to Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, you are welcome to come and see.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Hope all of you are enjoying your summer with all the fun activities. September is approaching and so is our first meeting, Monday, September 8th. Looking forward to seeing past members and a large number of new members. More information later.

**GENTLY USED FURNITURE NEEDED
FOR MAGDALENE HOME RESIDENTS!**

Two of our residents are moving into their own apartments and need furniture and other items such as: beds, bedding, dressers, table & chairs, sofas, coffee tables, towels, dishes, cookware, etc. We have limited storage, so please call before delivering: 541-773-5040. Thank you for your generosity to our young mothers and babies!



NO EXCUSE FOR TAKING UP 2 PARKING SPACES!

Thanks to all involved with the resurfacing and painting of our parking lot!
Wow! What a difference! It just looks great!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store turned donated items into enough money to cover almost half our annual budget for the services we provide in Jackson County. It was accomplished by the grace of God and the hard work of over 100 volunteers working six days a week and sometimes on Sundays in the store. With more than 300 volunteers overall, we always are in need of people to help in the store, kitchen, pantry, social services, office, shower and laundry facility as well as home visit groups in Ashland and the rest of Jackson County. We are all volunteers and we hope you will consider joining us in being the Body of Christ by serving others. Please call [541-772-3828](tel:541-772-3828).



COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:

August 10 -- 7:00 - Bruno & Rita Hutter
8:30 - TBA

August 17 - 7:00 - Michael & Carol Pitts
8:30 - TBA

August 24 - **NO COFFEE & DONUTS**

August 31 - 7 & 8:30 - St. Vincent de Paul
Enjoy the cool of the Hall and a coffee/donut at the same time after the 7 and 8:30 Masses.



WEDNESDAY WEEDERS

Join the Wednesday Weeders for the first two weeks of August and let's see how much we can accomplish in cleaning up the landscape around the church. We start at 8:00 a.m. Please bring your own gloves and tools. For information call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292.

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Children..Come and join us each Sunday morning and learn “How Cool It Is To Be Catholic!” Classes begin Sept 21stⁿ for grades Preschool through Grade 5. Parents “Think Faith First” and sign your child up for Religious Education this school year. Classes are held Sunday mornings 9:50 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart School. Registration begins August 11th, 2014

SACRAMENT PREPARATION 2014-2015

Registration for eligible children begins August 11th ...
Closes September 23rd.

Classes are held alternating Wednesday Evenings
6-7 p.m. beginning September 24th.

Is your child eligible? Please call the Parish Office to speak to Mary Stallard



Here I Am, Lord!

Answering the call of the Church to become a catechist – or to continue to persevere in the work you have already been doing – opens your life to a powerful outpouring of grace. We are not just deciding to embark on this journey with our students, but entering into union with Christ Himself. When we genuinely open ourselves to the teachings of the Church, we find ourselves greatly blessed; because answering this particular call is no mere act of service. God does not call us only to teach, He calls us to Himself. He calls us to *conversion*. If you recognize this call within a call, and take each sacramental lesson and prayerfully apply it to your own life – a little at a time – Jesus Christ will transform your life in His glorious power. Come answer the call...sign up to be this year's 4th Grade catechist!!
Contact Mary Stallard ph# 541-779-4661 ext 107

SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

A schedule of events for Sacred Heart Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation is now available. Pick up yours today in the Parish Office or at the doors of the church!

CORE TEAM – Calling all Young Adults and Sacred Heart Parishioners

Want to be part of a core team of Catechist to pass on the Deposit of Faith to the teens in our parish community? YES? Great! Contact Sacred Heart Youth Minister Whitney Compton for information and/or to register! There will be a retreat evening for Catechist as well as presenter information coming soon!!! Keep an eye out for more details (the Core Team retreat evening will be for the registered Core Team only).

*Youth Ministry is in need of THREE CORE TEAMS! One for Confirmation which meets Wednesday from 6:30-8:00PM, one for Middle School which meets Sundays from 9:45 - 11:00AM and one for High School which meets Sundays from 6:15 - 7:30PM.

*High School Teens 16 and over who have been Confirmed in the Catholic Faith are eligible to join the Middle School Core Team

*For the safety and protection of our young people: all Core Team members, Sacred Heart parishioners, and parents of youth who wish to serve Sacred Heart Youth Ministry in any capacity are required to undergo a background check through the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon and are required to attend the Called to Protect Training with Mary Stallard at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

CONFIRMATION:

Registration for Confirmation will open August 18th 2014 and close Wednesday October 1st 2014. To register make an appointment with Sacred Heart Youth Minister Whitney Compton. *contact information above

Confirmation registration weekend will take place August 30th and 31st after all Masses.

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!! There will be a registration packet to fill out for each youth attending youth group. Packets are available at the Parish Office and at the doors of the church and **must** be turned in to Whitney Compton in the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry office. *contact information above

VICARIATE CATECHIST IN-SERVICE MEETING

At Shepherd of The Valley Church, Central Point Saturday August 23, 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.

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