

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (118A)

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

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...*

Christus Dominus

(Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops
in the Church)

Over the past weeks, as we have considered various documents from Vatican II, we have primarily been concerned with different aspects of what the Church is. We have looked at definitions of the Church, its mission in the world, its various eastern expressions and even the Church as a whole with the wider Christian family outside the institutional Catholic Church. We now take a brief intermission from that task and consider the Church's various component parts, beginning with a group of individuals whose task it is to teach, govern and sanctify according to the example set by the original apostles in order to "perpetuate the work of Christ" (1). I speak of the bishops and their unique role in the Church. Principally, this document (*Christus Dominus*) considers bishops as they relate to the universal Church, their particular diocese, and the college of bishops in union with the pope.

Within the universal Church, bishops serve collegially in the episcopal conference in union with the pope, nationally and regionally via conferences and synods and individually within their proper diocesan boundaries. They are selected according to the canonical norms set out for the Church to follow and, once selected, are called to share in the task of shepherding the Church in order to meet the universal and local needs of the faithful. They are called to give testimony to the Gospel not only for those who are formally within the Church but for all who live within their diocesan borders, including the fallen away, separated and lost. "Bishops should present the doctrine of Christ in a manner suited to the needs of the times...so it may be relevant...and they should be especially concerned about catechetical instruction" (13-14). The document further points out that "in exercising his office of father and pastor the bishop should be with his people as one who serves [and] as a good shepherd who knows his sheep" (16).

The vocation of the bishop is broad but can be summarized as advancing the Gospel locally and building up the Body of Christ. This includes such broad concerns as promoting vocations and the sanctity and health of the local clergy and religious communities, promoting peace and justice and evangelizing the local culture, providing services for the poor and the immigrants, reaching out to other faiths, political leaders and public media, etc. However, according to the hierarchical structure of the Church, this burden is not given for him to bear alone. He is to work in conjunction with auxiliary or coadjutor bishops and advising curial bodies as well as the local clergy and lay faithful. The type of relationship that seems to be envisioned between the bishop and the other members of his diocese is one of healthy dialog. The bishop listens to the expressed needs of the faithful and the advice of his advisors and he, in turn, steers the missionary activities of the diocese and provides a vision for the local church to aim for. At the same time, bishops work in cooperation with other bishops on the national and regional levels and take direction, as well, from the Holy See in striving for universal growth and change. The bishop must do their best to harmonize fraternal missions with both the top-down direction they receive from Rome and the grassroots needs of the local faith community. In my estimation, there is not a more difficult job on earth and this is why the local Church is called to pray not only for its pope at each Mass celebrated but for its local bishop as well.

In hindsight, *Christus Dominus*, more than any other Vatican II document, reads like canon law with its references to required consultative bodies and procedures. There is not much that is described in the role of the bishop that most readers would classify as groundbreaking or theologically pioneering. It seems that the power and authority of the bishop is emphasized more than any other thing and in an age where authority is sometimes thought of as a dirty word or as something to be challenged as a matter of principle, this is not such an appealing concept in today's day and age. And new scrutiny has been raised in recent years, both from within the Catholic Church and outside it regarding the bishop's role in the modern church.

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FATHER KEN'S KORNER CONTINUED

For instance, many have been critical of the bishops' role in the tragic clergy sex abuse scandal both in failing to prevent it and, in some cases, in attempting to cover it up. And, at the highest level, Pope Francis has called for a reform that would bring an end to the spirit of careerism and privilege that some feel has crept into the office. But it must be said that just as the office sometimes represents the human side of the Church complete with its flaws and scandals, it also represents, at the same time, the supernatural guidance of the Spirit as good and holy bishops have mobilized the Church to fight against a culture set on pushing faith out of the public forum. These same kinds of bishops,

century after century, have preserved Christian unity and led the Church to experience dynamic growth, especially during trying times. Because bishops are human, we pray for them at every Mass. But because they are also appointed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and given the supernatural grace to fulfill their calling, we are also able to say, along with the ancient patriarch St. Ignatius of Antioch, "Where the bishop is, there the Church is also." Tune in next week as we examine *Perfectae Caritatis* on the renewal of religious life in the Church.



Dear Parishioners at Sacred Heart in Medford

I want to express my deep gratitude to you all for your donations this last July for my mission appeal for the mission work in southern Tanzania. Thank you for your support that people can have safe drinking water and medical services. You have been part of the mission work in southern Tanzania for many years. Know that the people there pray for you for your generous hearts.

God bless you all.

Fr. Ildefonso Mapara, OSB.

"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards Him. He awaits you with open arms." ~ Pope Francis

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 please contact Dawna McGill (541) 512-0471 or mcgilldlj@clearwire.net

BECOME A LECTOR OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER!

It's such a rewarding ministry, and **we need you!** Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at **all** the Masses. For Lector training, please contact Ann Brophy. A new Eucharistic Minister training will be held on Thursday, 9/4 at 3:30 in the church, or call Ann to schedule another time, if needed. For more information or to sign up, please contact Ann at abrophy@shcs.org or the parish office. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Helen Puccetti, Ferrel Cunningham, 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: +Alice Blenkush and +Richard Morgan.

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

Would you like to 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.

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.

MAGDALENE HOME NEEDS YOUR HELP!



The gutters at Magdalene Home are overflowing with oak leaves and acorns and are badly in need of cleaning. Can you help, *please??* Please call Tricia Prendergast, 541-941-2556. We have a short ladder, but an extension ladder may be needed for some sections. We'll bake cookies for our workers!!

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. August 18: The Sieg Family
T. August 19: The Janes Family
W. August 20: +Dolores Pearson
Th. August 21: +Josephine Nielsen
F. August 22: Diane Rane

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. August 18: +Nina Adams
T. August 19: +Juan Torres
W. August 20: +Jack Batzer
Th. August 21: Connie Moyer and Family
F. August 22: +Jack Slavonia
S. August 23: Jan Sieg (birthday)

WEEKLY STAFF MEETINGS

Our parish staff is holding weekly **Wednesday** staff meetings now through September. The office will be **closed from 1:30 to about 3:00**. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BEEF RAFFLE -- GOING, GOING, GONE!

Beef raffle tickets will be on sale after morning Masses this Sunday. Tickets are \$5 each and 2 winning tickets will be drawn Monday, September 8. Each winner will receive a quarter of a grass fed steer - the very best - cut and wrapped - an \$800 value! Proceeds will benefit local pro-life charities, including Magdalene Home, the Pregnancy Center & St. Vincent de Paul.

Get your ticket before they are all gone.

**Only 1000 tickets being sold
they are going fast!**

CONGRATULATIONS

Karla McCafferty the August winner of the Catholic Daughter Raffle drawing of \$100! Catholic Daughters' first meeting will be held Tuesday, September 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC?
COME AND SEE!**

Is God calling you – or someone you know – to possibly become a fully initiated Catholic? Come, look into it. If you are an adult who is thinking about becoming Catholic, or have a child seven or older who is not yet baptized, or are a baptized Catholic adult or teen who has not yet received your First Communion, we invite you to attend our **RCIA. Weekly RCIA sessions for adults, teens, and older children begin on Tuesday, September 16, in the Parish Hall. Adults meet from 6:30-8:00; older children and teens meet from 7:00-8:00.**

At these informative and friendly sessions, you'll become acquainted with the Catholic faith and our parish community. For more information or to sign up, please contact Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate, at the Parish Office or abrophy@shcs.org.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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.



**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!



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.

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

~ St. John of Capistrano

COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:

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 the same time after the 7 and 8:30 Masses.



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).

**SACRED HEART 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 & classrooms

When: Sunday mornings

9:50AM – 11:15AM

Sept 21, 2014 – May 17, 2015

Requirements:

Background Check/Called To Protect Training

Must love working with kids

Have a joy and a love of our Catholic Faith.

Will except old and new recruits!!

Grade Level Teacher Vacancies:

Preschool1-2 Adult Assistants

Year 4: 1 co-teacher

Year 5: 1 co-teacher

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



SACRAMENT PREPARATION 2014-2015

Please note time change : Wednesday Evenings 6-7PM

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

Classes are held **alternating** Wednesday Evenings 6-7PM **beginning September 24th.**

Is your child eligible?

Please call the Parish Office to speak to Mary Stallard (541-779-4661 ext: 107) mstallard@shcs.org

Vicariate Catechist In-service Meeting

At Shepherd of The Valley Church, Central Point

Saturday August 23rd - 9AM – 2:30PM

Our Southern Oregon Vicariate has invited us to attend a training day for Catechists. Prayer, faith formation and practical suggestions as well the opportunity to meet fellow Catechists will make for a great day. Our efforts go to the continuing faith life of our children which directly affects the very future of our church. Please volunteer and come help us build our future Catholic strong.



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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PREGNANCY SUPPORT & ADOPTION SERVICES

is in need of loving, caring families interested in expanding their family through open adoption. We are experiencing a shortage of families and need couples who are willing to join us in ministry to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. Our next Orientation Class is September 12 & 13, 2014. For more details or to schedule a Free Informational Interview, you may contact Shawn Cass at 503-238-5196 or scass@catholiccharitiesoregon.org.

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

ST. RITA RETREAT CENTER

is located on 62 wooded acres on the side of Gold Hill Mountain overlooking the beautiful Rogue River Valley of southern Oregon. For information about St. Rita's, upcoming group or personal retreats or to schedule a retreat **click on this link** www.stritaretreat.org you can also check us out on **You Tube** or **face book**.

DOES A SPA WEEKEND FOR YOUR BODY SOUND NICE?

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is like a spiritual spa weekend for your marriage. It is a time of special graces for your marriage! It is your spiritual retreat away from home where you and your spouse can be alone with God and experience for yourselves God's awesome love and peace. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthepark.org for the **August 22nd – 24th weekend at Our Lady of Peace**