



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9 (133A)

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16a

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...

Nostra Aetate (Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions): Part 2

This weekend we continue our discussion of Nostra Aetate on non-Christian relations. At the time it was written, this document was both controversial and groundbreaking. In many parts of the world, Catholics were not permitted to attend Protestant weddings or funerals much less enter into dialog with non-Christians. It is fair to say also that Nostra Aetate introduced some confusion in the implementation of its vision in later years. For instance, the Church had to clarify that respect for other faith traditions and acceptance of what is true and good about them should in no way equate to syncretism. Syncretism, according to the dictionary, is an "attempted amalgamation of different religions, cultures or schools of thought". In plain English, it is the error of claiming that there really is no significant different between the major religions since we are all praying to the same God and, therefore, one's religious choice is not important. The Church has said that our theological differences do matter and should not be easily dismissed but that dialog between the major religions and partnerships in various moral and social causes should be striven for as we seek greater unity. This tendency toward syncretism has contributed toward another legitimate criticism which is a loss of fervor in the field of evangelization. If people honestly believe there is no meaningful difference between the various theological systems then there is no longer a motive to engage in missionary work to "go out to all the world and tell the good news" (Mark 16:15). The Church would say that sharing our faith with others and respecting others' spiritual search for meaning outside the Catholic Church should never be mutually exclusive aspirations. In that same spirit, these are a few of the observations Nostra Aetate made about the major non-Christian religions of the world:

Hinduism: "Thus, in Hinduism men explore the divine mystery and express it both in the limitless riches of myth and the accurately defined insights of philosophy. They seek release from the trials of the present life by ascetical practices, profound meditation and recourse to God in confidence and love. (2)"

Buddhism: "Buddhism in its various forms testifies to the essential inadequacy of this changing world. It proposes a way of life by which men can, with confidence and trust, attain a state of perfect liberation and reach supreme illumination either through their own efforts or by the aid of divine help. (2)"

Islam: "The Church has also a high regard for the Muslims.

They worship God, who is one, living and subsistent, merciful and almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, who has also spoken to men. They strive to submit themselves without reserve to the hidden decrees of God, just as Abraham submitted himself to God's plan, to whose faith Muslims eagerly link their own. Although not acknowledging him as God, they venerate Jesus as a prophet, his virgin Mother they also honor and even at times devoutly invoke. Further, they await the day of judgment and the reward of God following the resurrection of the dead. For this reason they highly esteem an upright life and worship God, especially by way of prayer, alms-deeds and fasting" (3). This, of course, was written before extreme Islamic terrorism became part of our daily news cycle but it still applies to authentic non-violent practitioners of Islam.

Judaism: "The Church cannot forget that she received the revelation of the Old Testament by way of that people with whom God in his inexpressible mercy established the ancient covenant. Nor can she forget that she draws nourishment from that good olive tree onto which the wild olive branches of the Gentiles have been grafted. The Church believes that Christ who is our peace has through his cross reconciled Jews and Gentiles and made them one in himself" (4).

Much more could be said of this new tone of respect that Nostra Aetate communicates toward those spiritual seekers who pursue answers to life's greatest mysteries outside the Christian fold but let me just close with these few thoughts. Evangelization is an obligation of the Christian faith that will be with us until the end of time but at the same time we are called to tell the Good News we are also called to respect the conscience and the free will choices of others. If someone leaves the Catholic Church fully knowing it represents the truth revealed by God the Church teaches that they commit the sin of apostasy. However, the Church has a different view toward those who seek meaning outside the Christian family. While striving to reach out to them we must, at the same time, respect their journey. Persecution of other faiths (and particularly anti-Semitism) is sinful. We cannot hope for growth in the Church and greater unity of faith within the human family if we shun dialog or disparage those who hold to faiths different from our own. Further, this outreach must be one of action and not just words. Rabbi David Rosen, who was invited to be an observer at Vatican II put it this way and though it specifically addressed to Catholic/Jewish relations there is a certain universal application: The Jewish people have had their ears boxed so often in history by Christians and others that their ears cannot always capture the beauty of well intended speech but their eyes still work fine. In other words, talk is cheap. We must reach out to non-Christians and not just talk about it.

SYLVIA PYEATT – THANK YOU FOR YOUR JOYFUL SERVICE!



Sylvia is stepping down as our Music Director after 6+ years of dedicated service. Our liturgies have been enhanced by her joy filled and professional leadership of our choirs. Her beautiful voice will continue to grace us as she sits among us in the pews for Mass.

We understand that Sylvia's decision to step down is motivated by a desire to have more family time and we appreciate she has given us about a month for the transition to a new director. We are actively recruiting for that position now.

SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME!! YUM!

Please join the Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Youth Group in a fund raising Spaghetti Dinner!
Saturday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert!
50/50 raffle in the Parish Hall
\$10 each, \$25 per family - beer and wine extra
Come on out and support our Youth!!



ALTAR SOCIETY EVENING MEETING

St. Anne's Altar Society will have their evening meeting Wednesday, September 24, 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share. We will be planning events for the coming year and will need all your ideas. Please contact Charlotte at 541-772-7481 with questions. Thank you.



A Great New Bible Study Opportunity For You!
Genesis to Jesus: A Survey of the New Testament
with Father Ken Sampson

Thursdays -- 1:30-2:30 pm or 7:00-8:00 pm
In the Parish Hall Beginning: September 11th

Please join us 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 the first class? That's OK - come to the rest.



COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:
September 21

7:00 - Lee & Kris O'Driscoll 8:30 - TBA

September 28

7:00 - Dave, Rosemary & Janet Jumbeck
8:30 - TBA

Enjoy a coffee and a donut after the 7 and 8:30 Masses. Make new friends - enjoy old ones!



MUSIC DIRECTOR OPENING –

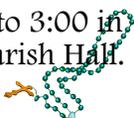
Sacred Heart Parish is looking for a Music Director to coordinate and direct the parish music program. Responsibilities include: planning appropriate music for all sacramental celebrations in collaboration with the Pastor, providing leadership in areas related to liturgical music, encouraging participation of the parish community in various liturgies, providing music and musicians for all Sunday and special liturgical and major celebrations. Recruiting, auditioning and training cantors and accompanists as needed. Cantoring and/or accompanying Masses as needed.

Desired qualifications: Degree in Music or equivalent experience, working knowledge of Catholic liturgy, two to four years' church choral experience, knowledge and understanding of church organization and operational procedures. Practicing Catholic required.
Send resume to Marie Chandler at mchandler@archdpx.org.



ROSARY SALE

Sunday
September 21st
8:00 to 3:00 in
the Parish Hall.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Jacksonville
2nd Sunday -- potluck after Mass
Join us at Mass and for fellowship following
Keep open Saturdays, Oct. 11 & Oct. 18 -- 9:00 a.m. for
Fall clean-up of the church grounds
All are needed to lessen the work load for a few. God Bless

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Please join us from **9:00 to 10:30 or 3:00 to 4:30 Thursday September 25th** in the Parish Hall for this special event. Father Ken Sampson will introduce the Program and Attorney Tim Brophy, whose practice emphasizes estate planning, probate, business and real estate law, will be providing important information on the planning and disposition of estates large and small. Subjects to be covered include wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advance directives, estate administration and charitable giving.

MORALITY

Help yourself to take God's point of view by forming your conscience in the Catholic tradition. The study of Catholic teaching about morality, a two weekend in-depth course.
 Location: Sacred Heart, Medford, OR
 Instructor: Natalie Scott
 Dates: October 3-4, 2014
 October 24-25, 2014
 Times: Fridays: 6-9 pm; Saturdays: 9 am-3 pm
 Cost: \$10 – audit; \$60 – credit
 Registration: Marty Edinger 541-821-5178
 Email: martywwsor@yahoo.com
 Sponsored By: Archdiocese of Portland Oregon
 Ministry Formation Office
 & Southern Oregon Vicariate

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 22: +Warren Dunlap
 T. Sept. 23: The Sieg Family
 W. Sept. 24: Starr Family
 Th. Sept. 25: Father Joseph Shirey
 F. Sept. 26: Ray Estrada

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 22: +James Mikolaizyk
 T. Sept. 23: +Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mikolaizyk
 W. Sept. 24: +Laura Lee Libby
 Th. Sept. 25: +Marilyn Wilson
 F. Sept. 26: Dr. Paul Marguglio
 S. Sept. 27: +Genevieve Holcom

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Mae Heideman, Benjamin Tatum, Louise Gorman, 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, 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, especially: +Elsie Sakraida and +Lenore Leines, and for their families.

HEALING SERVICE CANCELED

The Healing Service scheduled for the first Saturday of October has been canceled due to the Installation of Officers for Catholic Daughters. The Installation Mass will be immediately followed by Baptisms. Please call the office if you wish to be anointed.

Financial Report

	9/7/2014	9/8/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$20,479.08	\$16,772.05
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$169,629.29	\$174,600.01
Needed for Budget	\$181,422.31	\$180,552.89
Over (under) Budget	(\$11,813.02)	(\$5,952.88)

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



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of the Week**

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YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35

Want to be with other young Catholic adults who are also seeking a good community to be a part of? We are looking to begin a Young Adult Program here at Sacred Heart! Events for our Young Adults may include a bible study, trivia nights, game nights, holiday/weekend gatherings and celebrations. First we need to know who is interested! If you are interested in joining the Young Adult Community at Sacred Heart please fill out the Young Adult Community Registration Form (this form does not lock you into any specific event – it’s just so I can reach you to let you know when events are happening – if you can make it... GREAT!). Forms are available in the back of the Church or by contacting Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpdx.org



NEW TIME SAME PLACE

The Wednesday Weeders will move to Saturday for the last two weeks of the season. Join the Weeders on September 27th and/or October 4th from 9:30 to 11:00 to work on the landscaping around the church. These two Saturday meetings will take the place of a Work Party this Fall. Bring your own gardening tools and gloves. Call BJ Buxton for more information at 541-772-8292.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

Sacred Heart School Scholarship

Congratulations **Matthew Shenk** and **Emily Awbrey!** They each received a \$500.00 scholarship. You can support this by purchasing a ticket. For \$25.00 you are eligible to enter in a monthly drawing (12 chances) for \$100.00! Contact Bertha Dellapenta 541-245-6981.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE – ADYC in SEASIDE!

Youth! The Seaside conference will take place November 21st -- November 23rd. The cost per youth is \$230. This will cover your hotel, travel expenses conference registration and many of your weekend meals! Sign ups are now open. This trip will facilitate a maximum of 20 youth and 5 chaperones. If you are interested contact Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpdx.org or 541-779-4661 ext 106. Only 8 spots remain.

ROSARY RALLY

There will be a Rosary Rally in Vogel Plaza, downtown Medford, at noon on Saturday, October 11. Please come!

NEWMAN CENTER NEWS

Are you, or do you know of a student going to SOU? Tell them about the Walsh Memorial Newman Catholic Club which meets every Thursday for dinner and discussions. Learn more at the SOU Club Fair, Thursday, October, 1 at the Newman Club Table, then join us for BBQ on Thursday, October 2. Find us on Facebook at SOU Newman Center or sounewman.wix.com/newmansou.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Come and see! 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, please join us at RCIA! Weekly **RCIA sessions for adults, teens, and older children meet every Tuesday in the parish hall. Adults meet from 6:30-8:00; teens and older children meet from 7-8:00.** These informal sessions will introduce you to the Catholic faith without pressure or expectation. For more information, please contact Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Scripture says about married people that **“Two shall live as one”**. How often do you find yourselves living as two? A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org for the **Oct. 3rd – 5th weekend at Powell Butte Retreat Center** near Bend and **Nov. 7th-9th at Mt. Angel Abbey**. Other dates also available.



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Contact

Information: Whitney Compton
wcompton@archdpdx.org, if needed re-

quest her cell number via email.

A NOTE TO THE PARENTS!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Our Youth Minister has worked hard to compile a schedule of events. Please refer to this schedule for information about Youth Group events. For an electronic copy, e-mail a request to Whitney Compton in the parish office.

CALLED TO PROTECT – PARENT PRESENTATION

Parents of youth join us for a presentation for you. This valuable information will help you keep your child safe in an ever growing globalized world. The CTP Parent Presentation will be presented by Mary Stallard and Whitney Compton. It will take place on October 12, 2014 from 4-5pm in the Parish Hall (location subject to change).

CORE TEAM

If you are interested in Core Team please fill out the Core Team Application and contact Whitney Compton.

CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!! Registration will close **Tuesday September 30, 2014**.]To register make an appointment with Sacred Heart Youth Minister Whitney Compton. Any high school student who would like to receive confirmation in May of 2015, it is necessary to register for Confirmation within the current registration period. Please bring the Baptismal Certificate with you!
*contact information above

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School)

Please remember in order for your son/daughter to participate they must be registered. Grab a registration packet after Church and return to Whitney Compton

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES begin September 21st, 2014 at 9:50 a.m. in the cafeteria at Sacred Heart School. Parents stay with the children for the first 15 minutes during the morning Assembly then children are dismissed to classes.

We are still in need of a **Preschool; Year 1; and 4th grade Co-Teacher**. If **each parent/Aunt/Uncle or Grandparent volunteered to teach a class** you would only need to schedule a maximum of once a month which would lighten the teaching load and make the commitment manageable for everyone. Let's foster this "can do" approach. All resources are provided and each grade level follows our "Call To Faith" program with easy to follow teacher guides and children's books. Please come and help me make passing our wonderful Catholic faith a priority in our parish!! Call me today..I am anxious to hear from you!!

Contact Mary Stallard 541-779-4661 ext:107 or email mstallard@shcs.org.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION 2014 – 2015

First Reconciliation & First Communion

TIME IS RUNNING OUT.....

DON'T MISS OUT.....

REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 21st, 2014!!

If your child is baptized; in grade 2 - 5; in their 2nd consecutive year of Religious Education (1st Grade or above) and your family are registered members of Sacred Heart they may be eligible.

Classes are held on **alternating** Wednesdays evenings 6 - 7 p.m. beginning **September 24th, 2014**. (Mandatory Parent Meeting on this night -- separate from children's class). Wednesdays after that will be children's classes.

To check on all eligibility requirements please contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office ph# 541-779-4461 ext: 107

Email mstallard@shcs.org



Share God's Word

"You will find out that Charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the kettle of soup and the full basket. But you will keep your gentleness and your smile. It is not enough to give soup and bread. This the rich can do. You are the servant of the poor, always smiling and good-humored. They are your masters, terribly sensitive and exacting master you will see. And the uglier and the dirtier they will be, the more unjust and insulting, the more love you must give them. It is only for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give to them." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

Life Chain Sunday
October 5, 2014



Join the 26th National Life Chain!
2:45-4:00 p.m.

Corner of Biddle & Mc Andrews - Medford, Oregon
(get signs at Blue Sky Plaza)

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA! You'll be a light in a darkened world as you Help put an end to abortion through PRAYER

✝....**Bring your whole family!** Rain or shine!

✝....Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome!

✝....Life Chain signs are provided.

✝....See **www.LifeChain.net** for more than 1800 locations in 1500 cities and towns across the United States and Canada.

Life Chain is a peaceful and silent public witness of pro-life Americans standing for sixty minutes, praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian Community that abortion kills children and the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Life Chain is sponsored by the Jackson County Right to Life
Sanda Collegio — coordinator — lasanda4life@gmail.com - (541-326-8590)