

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FIRST READING: Wisdom 9:13-18b (129C)
SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 GOSPEL: Luke 14:25 - 33

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

Saying Farewell the Catholic Way

Part 1: Things You Need To Know About Cremation

In earlier times, the Catholic Church used to forbid cremation in the western world because cremation was associated with certain atheistic or anti-Catholic organizations or individuals that rejected our belief in eternal life and the resurrection of the body. The Church also believed that a casket burial was a more fitting way of honoring the bodies of our beloved dead because they had served as temples of the Holy Spirit while the person lived and because the mystery of Jesus' Incarnation had added dignity to the flesh which we were obligated to honor as a faith community. Over time, though, the Holy See came to recognize that the motives behind the general usage of cremation were changing and that many were choosing it for financial or other practical reasons rather than out of theological protest. Therefore, by 1963, the Holy See lifted the ban on cremation in the Church for certain limited pastoral reasons. By 1983, this position was reiterated in the newly updated Code of Canon Law. Canon 1176.3 stated that cremation is now allowed except in cases where it could be shown that "it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine." The Code of Canon Law was quick to add, though, that if it could be shown that the underlying reason for the deceased person's choice of cremation was doctrinal protest that an ecclesiastical funeral could still not be provided by the Church (See Canon 1184.2) By 1997, further changes came when the Holy See additionally granted permission in the United States to allow funeral Masses in the presence of cremated remains (a.k.a "cremains") and it also provided a specific liturgical rite for when cremains were present. Today, just to emphasize how quickly this burial option has continued to evolve, nearly 70% of all Catholic funerals in the US involve cremation. So...YES...cremation is allowed as an option for Catholics who wish to plan ahead. But here are some important restrictions to also consider:

1. The scattering of ashes is not permitted. Our tradition indicates that being buried in ground that is blessed during a proper committal service is the preferred option. This not only properly honors the body but it is more compassionate toward the survivors of the deceased who may at some future date wish to visit the grave site and honor their beloved dead (OCF 411-12). In the rare case of burial at sea, which requires the permission of the local ordinary, ashes are to be kept in a sealed container and not scattered over the water (OCF 416).

2. The comingling of ashes is also not permitted. This practice most often involves the mixing of a husband and wife's ashes in one urn either by the children of that marriage or as a result of one spouse retaining the ashes of the other in their home and then requesting that their own ashes be added to them upon their death. This emerging cultural practice seems to derive from the sentiment of everlasting love but sadly I have also heard of comingling the ashes of a deceased person with the ashes of their favorite pet. I am sure there are other aberrations as well. The main problem with this practice is that, when it involves marriage, it symbolizes something that we do not believe. We say that marriage is "til death do us part" and not for all eternity. In eternity, we the people of faith are referred to as the bride of Christ and this new "two" shall be one in heaven. Also the practice does not honor the integrity of the body.

3. Dividing the ashes of the deceased among several survivors and at several locations in miniature urns or amulets is also strongly discouraged for the same reasons listed above. Veneration of saints relics is an exception to this rule.

4. Keeping the ashes of a loved one in a home for an extended period is also strongly discouraged as it denies the deceased the dignity of burial and it denies the survivor the proper opportunity to mourn, recover and then go on living to the full as God calls them to do.

5. Finally, in order for a Funeral Mass or liturgy to be held with its special blessings and rites of farewell, the deceased person's remains must be present whether they be in a casket or an urn. Otherwise, the Church instructs that we celebrate a Memorial Mass which consists simply of a Mass of the day with the deceased person's name being mentioned in the Eucharistic prayer.

These are the main details that Catholics should be aware of before choosing cremation as an option. That being said, though cremation and casket funerals are both permitted by the Church, it seems clear from the liturgical rubrics themselves and from the documents of the Church that a casket funeral is still the preferred option of the two (OCF 413). Stay tuned for Part 2 and 3 of Saying Farewell the Catholic Way as we address the funeral liturgy and advanced medical directives.

*OCF = Order of Christian Funerals



LITURGY CORNER

Sharing their Faith!

Those who serve our Masses – our lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, sacristans, ushers, choir members, church decorators, liturgy committee, and ministers to the homebound – are among the many inspiring folks through whom our parish is blessed! This summer I asked our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and sacristans if they might be so kind as to write a bit about what their ministry means to them. Beginning next week, I'll be posting their reflections in the bulletin weekly throughout the year, along with tidbits of liturgy information. Perhaps you'll even feel called to join their ranks. That's our hope and our prayer!
Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 9: +Bill Chambers
T. Sept. 10: +Francie Proulx
W. Sept. 11: +Msgr. George Parnassus
Th. Sept. 12: +Thelma Roberts
Fr. Sept. 13: +Herbert Daniken

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 9: St. Anne's Altar Society
T. Sept. 10: +Sue Bloom
W. Sept. 11: +Tom Large
Th. Sept. 12: Carol Pheiffer
Fr. Sept. 13: Stanley Cole
Sat. Sept. 14: +Laura Lee Libby

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: Theresa Matthews, Mickey Ketchum, Tom Wall, Pat Kelly, Jim Carrigan, Alice Ainslie, Leonard Krug, Louise Sutch, Alice Blenkush, Linda Blixt, Dennis Velez, Millie Zarusinski, Nanette Hall, Paul Zeleznik, Marge Kearney, Vickie Harris, Marie Casilio, Loretta Thrun, Jeff Leroy, Patricia Wittenbrock, Celia Caporicci, Brian Chachere, Margaret Welk, Rosary Brooks, Calvin Schwenk, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, John Preston, Mary Beveridge, Rita Morrell, Rose Casagrande, Marion & Bill Owens, and Dick & Beverly Handley.

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

+Ed Adams, and +Marie Cole.



Could you not keep watch for one hour? Mk 14: 37



"What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."

~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Please prayerfully consider committing to a weekly Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration for conversion of America and the world.

Open hours :

Saturday 12:00 midnight, 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m. 4:00 a.m., 5:00 a.m., 11:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

Monday 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m.

Wednesday 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Thursday 5:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

Friday 1:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

To sign up for these or any hour or if you have any questions please call Dan or Sarah @ 541- 582-3717.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Financial Report

	<u>8/25/2013</u>	<u>8/26/2012</u>
Offertory this week	\$15,401.66	\$12,136.28
Offertory Received	\$133,736.14	\$140,848.48
Needed for Budget	\$144,442.31	\$157,075.47
Over (Under) Budget	(\$10,706.17)	(\$16,226.99)

God gives it all, then calls us to share.

Thank you for sharing!

A Great New Bible Study Opportunity For You!

ANNOUNCING... “Genesis to Jesus: A Survey of the Old Testament”

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

- Or -

Evening Session: 7:00-8:00 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Beginning: September 19th



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 our journey through the Old Testament. Call our parish office or drop by to sign up.

**HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERED BECOMING
A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC?**

“Come and see!”

at

R.C.I.A.

(The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and older children)

Who: Adults, Teens, and older Children

- If you are an adult who is interested in possibly becoming Catholic
- If you are a baptized Catholic adult or teen who has not yet received First Communion and would like to do so now
- If you have a child seven or older who is not yet baptized

What: RCIA sessions. Gather to learn about Catholicism.

Where: Parish Hall (next to the church)

When: Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00

Weekly: Starting September 17th

For more information about becoming a fully initiated Catholic, please contact Ann Brophy,
Pastoral Associate

541 779-4661x105 or abrophy@shcs.org.

We look forward to welcoming you!

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Thanks to all who supported the Multi Cultural Festival. It was a wonderful evening for those in attendance.

First meeting: Monday, September 9 at 11:00 in the Parish Hall. Come see old friends, make new ones, and enjoy a luncheon salad bar. Please bring an item to add to the salad, such as: beans, tomatoes, gated cheese; sunflower seeds, etc. Annual Dues: \$15. All ladies of the Parish are encouraged to attend. Father Ken will be our speaker.

Evening Meeting: To be held on Thursday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Susanna's. Any questions? Call Louise: 541-776-2441.



PATRICIANS

- We will meet Monday, September 16 in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m.
- Topic: Vatican II documents - Chapter VI "Religious" and Chapter VII "The eschatological nature of the pilgrim church and her union with the heavenly church". All are welcome.
- Father Carmelo is our Spiritual Advisor.

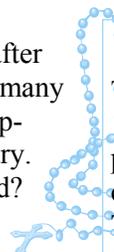
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Come on over to the Hall after the 7 and 8:30 morning Masses for the first Knights breakfast of the season! Join in **Sunday, September 15**, and enjoy scrambled eggs & ham, biscuits & gravy, pancakes and even French toast and especially enjoy a cup of nice, hot coffee. Cost is \$18.00 per family, \$6.00 adults, and \$2.00 children under 10 years old. Proceeds benefit Hadley Hope.



ROSARY GUILD SALE

Rosaries will be on sale Sunday, September 8, after Masses from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We feature 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.



ROSARY RALLY

There will be a Rosary Rally Saturday, October 12, at 12:00 at Vogel Plaza in downtown Medford. We will pray in atonement for the sins of our nation and for the conversion of our nation to the Truth; Jesus Christ. This rally is held in conjunction with over 7,000 other rallies held worldwide. Come and see. Come and pray for our neighbors and our nation.



THANK YOU ROGUE PLUMBING!!

Magdalene Home extends a huge THANK YOU to Sacred Heart parishioner Kim Ramsey of Rogue Plumbing (541-608-5814). Kim recently replaced over 60 feet of outdated and failing underground sewer line in the backyard at Magdalene Home and donated a huge portion of his charges in support of the Home and our mission to improve the lives of homeless teen mothers and their babies. He even repaired our sprinkler lines and had the entire backyard smoothed for reseeding.

We are now welcoming any offers to bring in topsoil and reseed the back lawn by prospective Eagle Scouts, senior project students, service organizations, or just good-hearted people. Our hope is that soon our toddlers will once again have a grassy backyard to play in!

Thank you, Kim, and may your business flourish as a result of your excellent work and generosity! You are truly a blessing to us!

Tricia Prendergast, Executive Director
(541) 941-2556 (texting OK)
director@magdalenehome.org

10TH ANNUAL CHARISMATIC RETREAT

St. Rita Retreat Center presents the 10th Annual Charismatic Women's Retreat - THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD- with Michael & Diana Haggerty
Sept 20-22, \$145.00 after Sept 10th or \$125.00 early registration. Call 541/855/1333 to register.

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

Our local Secular Franciscan Fraternity will meet Sunday, September 15, from 1:30 - 4:30 in the Sacred Heart Office Conference Room to immerse ourselves in communal song, chant, prayer and study. The world is waiting for our charism and You! Come and see!



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

All are invited to call down The Mercy and Goodness of Our God upon souls by praying The Divine Mercy Chaplet together after the 8:30 Mass; Monday-Saturday.
15 minutes well spent.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Barnes & Noble Book Fair to Support Sacred Heart Catholic School!

We are in the planning stages of our Sacred Heart Catholic School Barnes and Noble Book Fair. Our Book Fair number is **11149721** and needs to be used on Saturday, September 28. We receive a percentage of all sales in any B & N across the U.S.A. (our number must be presented at sale)!! We also receive a percentage of all online purchases for 5 days beginning the 28th of September. Textbooks are also included in our percentage that day! We will receive 20% & up depending on total sales. There will be activities going on all day including storytelling, Lego's make and take at 1:00 PM, Puzzle Making at 11:00 AM, and more. Watch for more details!!! Contact family and friends with our number and school name anywhere! I would love for this to go around. We are also going to have a raffle for two nooks and are looking for someone to donate them. Contact Suzie at 541 772-4105 or 541 941-5761 for more information (email sschweitzer@shcs.org).

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL will be selling \$5 tickets for our **GOLF BALL DROP** Saturday, Sept. 14th 5:30 pm Mass, Sunday, Sept. 15th 8:30, noon and 5:00 p.m. Masses.

First Prize is \$1,000 cash or school tuition. Second Prize is \$200 cash. Need not be present to win. Only 1000 tickets will be sold.

Each golf ball ticket comes with a \$1 off coupon at the HUMAN BEAN. So bring your checkbook or cash to church and buy a ticket that might pay off BIG!

LeeAnn Loftin
SHCS Events Coordinator
Work: (541) 772-4105 ext. 119
Cell: (541) 261-4130



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parents "Think Faith First" -- sign your child up for Religious Education this school year. Sign up Sundays are Sept 7 & 8th / Sept 14&15th. Forms available now at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Baptized children entering 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th grade who are in their second consecutive year of Religious Education are eligible for Reconciliation and First Eucharist Sacrament preparation classes. Register after Masses on Sunday, Sept. 8 or 15.

Children Come, join us and learn "how cool it is to be Catholic!" Classes begin Sept 22nd. You have to be in Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Grade to able to join the fun.

OPENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We need a Catechist or Team of Catechists to teach our Preschool. There is a very easy to follow format and most parents stay to assist. Imagine the blessings that come with working with this beautiful age group!! 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.

I can be reached at mstallard@shcs.org.
Or 541-779-4661 ext. 107

Thank you, Mary Stallard, Religious Education



FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -- Luke 14:25-33

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples what it might cost to be one of his followers. He says that we might have to turn our backs on our loved ones. Jesus tells us true discipleship is a lifelong goal — not a one-time choice, that it has many facets, and that it requires sacrifice.

What can you do in your life to become a better disciple of Jesus? In today's society of excess what sacrifice would you be willing to make to follow Jesus?



