

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6 (119B) SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20  
GOSPEL: John 6:51-58



**Because You Asked...**

*Note: All questions come from parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish or St. Joseph Mission and they are presented to you anonymously. I hope this will be a useful learning opportunity for everyone and if you have questions of your own that need answered please let me know in person or email them to [hearttoheart.ks@gmail.com](mailto:hearttoheart.ks@gmail.com).*

What does the expression “poor in spirit” refer to in the Beatitudes?

A: In Chapter 5 of Matthew’s Gospel, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lists off a series of eight blessed groups to his disciples. These eight groups include: the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers and those who are persecuted. This list later became known as the Beatitudes and Jesus assured his disciples that those who fell into these categories were truly blessed people in God’s own scheme of grace. I take the time to list them in order for one main reason. In the Jewish way of instruction, that which is listed first is generally considered to be the most important. This is true, for instance, in the case of the Ten Commandments. The first (“Though shalt not have false gods before you.”) is essentially the Jewish Great Shema (Deut. 6:4). The Great Shema reminded the Jewish people to always remember that God is one and that they should not worship false gods. The Jews as the first monotheists in the world and following God’s instructions wrote the Great Shema on little scrolls that they attached to their doorposts and wore on their wrists and foreheads when they prayed. They did not do such honors to any other of God’s commandments. Similarly, the first beatitude that our parishioner is inquiring about is the most important in the list of the Beatitudes. It essentially refers to a person who is incapable of turning to their own strength in times of crisis. They have learned, through a poverty of abilities or resources, not to trust themselves but to always draw strength from God. They are blessed because they are free from arrogance and the temptation to self-reliance. In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, St. Paul once wrote that, “God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not to reduce to nothing things that are” (1 Cor. 1:27-28). You might say that St. Paul was referring to God choosing those who were poor in spirit. Those who are strong tend to

turn to God only as a last resort. Those who are poor in Spirit tend to turn to God as a first option and thus they are blessed as a result.

Q: (After the recent July Supreme Court decision allowing the legalization of gay marriage in all fifty states of the US, I received a flood of questions on the topic. The following sampling is typical of what I received:) What does the Church say about gay marriage? Why are Catholics opposed to gay marriage? Isn’t such a position discriminatory and contrary to the loving message of Jesus? ... etc.

A: Teaching the Church’s position on this very important topic is immensely frustrating in our nation today because one of two things usually happens. Either you are labeled as a bigot/hater who enjoys discrimination, thus ending the conversation before it can even begin or people want only an easy sound bite and are too impatient to undergo the process of truly learning the answer. I cannot do proper justice to the question in a simple paragraph. I may say, in general, that all people, regardless of sexual orientation are created with a sacred dignity and that discrimination is wrong but that, at the same time, marriage was designed to be the foundation for family and a sacrament intended to be shared between a man and a woman from the beginning. But if we really want to understand Gospel teachings surrounding why the Church can never support gay marriage, real work must be done. I am going to recommend the following writings of our local shepherd Archbishop Alexander K. Sample. Since December of last year, he has begun outlining a catechesis on marriage through a series of articles for the Catholic Sentinel. So far they are titled as follows: “A Catechesis of Marriage” 12/3/14, “But what is a sacrament?” 12/17/14, “Marriage as a sacrament” 1/5/15, “...as Christ loved the Church” 1/14/15, “What are the effects of a sacramental marriage?” 2/5/15, “What is ‘essential’ to marriage?” 3/4/15, “Toward a Theology of the Body” 5/13/15, “Conjugal love and the gift of life” 6/30/15 and most recently “The dignity of the homosexual persons and marriage”. You may also read his open letter entitled “Pastoral Statement on Supreme Court Decision Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage”. Go to the archdiocesan website ([archdpx.org](http://archdpx.org)), follow the links and educate yourself on this very impactful issue of our times.



### CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration will be open for 6 weeks, **August 3 to September 14, 2015.**

**The closing date, September 14 is firm.**

**There be no opportunity to register for Confirmation after September 14.**

According to the Archbishop any high school youth in grades 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation is able to apply. Grab your registration packet from the Sacred Heart Church office and return it completed with your teen(s) baptismal certificate and registration fee by 4:00p on September 14, 2015. For more information contact, youth minister, Whitney Compton.

### LOOKING FOR FOLKS WHO WANT THE PERFECT JOB!

The job lasts about two hours, you get to sit down and be pleasant to all those you encounter! Ever wanted to help your church, but don't have the time nor the ability to commit to a longer project? Sacred Heart is in need of host/hostess for two hour sessions to welcome parishioners as they check in for their directory photo session. The work is easy and it is yet another way to get to know fellow parishioners. We need **37 folks** to sign up for two hour time slots on the following days: **September 1-5, 24-26; October 16 & 17, 23 & 24; November 6 & 7.**

**Book your work session Monday-Friday, noon until 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Please call Mary Jo Baich 541-734-3274 by August 29th and lend a hand to your parish.

#### PATRICIANS:

##### A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next Patrician meeting will be on August 17th, (3rd Monday) at 9:30AM. in the Parish Hall. Our topic will be "Catholic Church in Nigeria/Africa today" with Father Justus as our Spiritual Director. This promises to be an interesting discussion as Father Justus has just returned from Nigeria.

All are welcome to come and join in.



#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS NEEDED!

Will you serve? We are in great need of more lectors at all Masses, especially Noon. And we need many more Eucharistic Ministers at all Masses. There will be training for new Eucharistic Ministers in the church at 2:00 Monday, 8/24, or call Ann Brophy to schedule a training time.

**Please** contact Ann at [abrophy@shcs.org](mailto:abrophy@shcs.org) to schedule lector training. Thank you so much for answering this urgent call!

#### Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 147

"The world economy will only develop if it allows a dignified way of life for all human beings, from the eldest to the unborn child, not just for citizens of the G20 (the 20 major economies) member states but for every inhabitant of the earth, even those in extreme social situations or in the remotest places." ~ *Pope Francis*

#### 7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Aug. 17: Fr. Justus Alaeto  
T. Aug. 18: Eleanor Miller  
W. Aug. 19: Sr. Patricia Landin  
Th. Aug. 20: +Jack Batzer  
Fr. Aug. 21: The Graham Family

#### 8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Aug. 17: +Ernest Thomas  
T. Aug. 18: +Juan Torres  
W. Aug. 19: +William Landenburg  
Th. Aug. 20: Lisa Jennings & Family  
Fr. Aug. 21: +Dr. Harry Walters  
Sat. Aug. 22: Ken Dellapenta

#### PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Peyton Hadley, Betty Carlson, Jonathan Cotta, Vincent Oredson, Patty Wittenbock, Mary Ann Hebert, Emil Knutson, Starr Davis, Madeline Kosmatka, Bill Schueller, Cynthia Sugiura, Jonathan Carraway, Trudy Omann, Kathy Steiner, Joan Molatore, Paula George, Don & Paul Zeleznik, George Halvorsen, Frank Perez, Justin Berlandi, Marie Casilio, Vicki & Lorraine Harris, Shizuka McCue, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Eileen Van Dyck, John Kuchler, Beverly & Dick Handley, Don & Jean Palese, Ramona Rosales.

**Please pray for the deceased of our parish.**

## CHOIR LOFT MUCH NEEDED RENOVATION -- THANK YOU!!

Thanks to the "Knights in Shining tool belts" for another great project that enhances our parish property. This group is in the finishing touches of a renovation to the Choir Loft which included new platforms for choir members to stand on and installation of handrails for safety.

Knights involved in the project included:

**Design & Construction Crew:** Ed Cavasso Elmer Dreiling Curt Swift

**Demolition Crew:** Lee O'Driscoll Michael Pitts Joseph Schaecher  
Michael Ford Don Zimmerer William Schaecher (Squire)



### WORK PARTY SUCCESS!!

Here are some statistics from the parish work party of August 8th.

More than 50 hard working volunteers participated. Three trailers full of material were hauled away, 150 feet of weed barrier was laid, 6 cubic yards of bark mulch were spread, a dozen kitchen cabinets were cleaned and organized, the choir loft was dusted and tidied up and everyone enjoyed a much appreciated lunch prepared by the ladies in the kitchen. So much was accomplished in just a few hours because so many gave of their time and talent. Thank you to everyone involved. What a difference you made.

### THANK YOU NOTE from FATHER JUSTUS

Father Justus is grateful to all those who gave him rosaries and spiritual booklets. He sent them to the south of Africa and the Priest there was very thankful and the people that received them were very thankful as well. They are praying for you! Thank you very much for your spiritual assistance to them.



### COLUMBIAN SQUIRES NEWS

Our Rogue Squire Circle #5780 was honored to Install new Officers for the 2015/16 Fraternal Year with State Deputy Bob Kish on hand for all the proceedings.

Please congratulate the following:

Chief Squire: Jonah Hadley

Dep. Chief Squire: Christopher Cutler

Notary: William Schaecher

Bursar: Patrick Cutler

Please congratulate New Squires:

Liam Kantor

Liam Velho

Special thanks to Father Prior Justus Alaeto, State Deputy Bob Kish and the Knights of Columbus Council #1594 for supporting our Squires.

Joe Schaecher, Counselor

ESTO DIGNUS "Be Worthy"



### COME SEW WITH US

The Sacred Heart Stitchers will meet Thursday August 20 from 9:15-12 in the Parish Hall.

In July we donated several totes and pillowcases to the Family Nurturing Center. Now we are working on quilts for vets as well as projects for the Christmas Bazaar in November. Come join us or stop by to say hi. Call Kathy for more information...541-773-7805.

### ALERT!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

St Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to staff our kitchen especially on Fridays. We are at risk of having to close the dining room on days when we are short staffed. Please help us help others receive what could be their only meal of the day. Please help serve those in need and alleviate some of the misery felt by too many. Please call [541-772-3828](tel:541-772-3828) Ext 7. If you already volunteer at St Vincent de Paul, we thank you for being God sent. Please take the time to ask friends, family and all others that you know, to help us help others. Your testimony is invaluable. The shower and laundry facility is also in need of volunteers as well as the Thrift store, home visitations and many other areas of service we provide. We need you. Please call today.

### COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE

**August 16:** 7:00 & 8:30- St. Vincent de Paul

**August 23:** NO Coffee & Donuts



**August 30:** The Hispanic Community will host a fund raising **MEXICAN FOOD** breakfast in the hall after the 7, 8:30 & 10AM Masses. A spicy Latin fare!! Rancheros! & other authentic dishes!

### SACRED HEART PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

**We Are Family** or we would be if I could put a name to your familiar face. I see you so often, but I have not connected your name to your face. Let's build up our community and make it complete with your picture in the directory. Here's a way to get past just nodding a greeting in your direction and knit our Sacred Heart parish into a closer family, simply sign up for your family's a photo session. It's easy and it would help our priests, parish staff and those sitting in the pew next to you to get to know you. You can sign up after each weekend Mass through August, or go on-line Monday through Friday to sign up at [sacredheartmedford.org](http://sacredheartmedford.org) Portrait sessions are **September 1-5, 24-26; October 16 & 17, 23 & 24; November 6 & 7. You may book your photo session Monday-Friday from Noon until 7:30pm and Saturday from 9am-5pm.** If you have any questions call Marilyn Gradwell at 541-944-3985 or Elizabeth Godines (she speaks both Spanish and English) at 541-890-2698. **Have you signed up for your photo session?**



### LEGION OF MARY NEWS

Congratulations to Paul Halleck and Thelma Viray for making a promise to the Legion of Mary. Father Justus blessed them during the ceremony. The homebound members of our parish depend on us to bring Jesus' presence to their homes. Legion of Mary needs more volunteers. Maximum time on a Wednesday is 3 to 4 hours. Can you help?

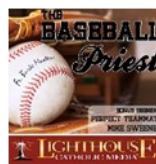
### ROSARY GUILD SALE -- August 16

Rosaries will be on sale Sunday, August 16 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? Would you like to learn the art of Rosary making?

### MEDIA KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK



Cost: Books \$4 CDs \$3 Booklets \$2 Pamphlets 50c Place \$ in slot on lower right side of the Kiosk More gripping than the pull of professional sports, the call to the priesthood reveals the great plans God has for those he has called. In this homily, Fr. Burke Masters tells the story of his journey through baseball, to Catholicism and eventually to the priesthood.



In a bonus segment, Major League Baseball all-star Mike Sweeney discuss being the perfect teammate with examples from his time in the pros.

### Financial Report

	8/2/2015	8/3/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$17,458.42	\$21,703.24
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$81,552.07	\$87,183.82
Needed for Budget	\$89,423.08	\$90,721.15
Over (under) Budget	(\$7,871.01)	(\$3,537.33)

The new fiscal year started July 1. Please keep the needs of the parish in mind this summer. Our online giving program works great if you are out of town.

Please see <https://sacredheartmedford.weshareonline.org> if you are interested in using the program.

### DOES A SPA WEEKEND FOR YOUR BODY SOUND NICE?

**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.rediscoverthespark.org](http://www.rediscoverthespark.org) for the **August 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> weekend at Our Lady of Peace.** Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.



**SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY**

Contact Whitney Compton, Youth Minister: [wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.org)  
Please e-mail Whitney for her **NEW PHONE NUMBER**

**STEUBENVILLE NORTHWEST SUCCESS!**

Praise the Lord! We have come back from SNW 2015 with young disciples! We had a blessed time on our trip and all of the youth were impacted in very special ways! Quotes from our youth follow:

“During Steubenville I was able to truly say yes to God and all that comes with along with it. I also gained a greater understanding of Gods limitless love for each and every one of us. I had such a great experience.” ~ ~ Avery Jantzer

“By going to Stuebenville I was able to see the importance of the cross and what it actually stood for. It made me confront the question of why does God love even after everything I've done. Then I looked at the cross and realized the answer, it's because God is love.” ~ ~ Lily Jantzer

“If God is with us, who can be against us? After Steubenville I will live my life by this truth.” ~ ~ Cameron Gaub

“At Steubenville I learned, God will never make you do anything but if you do as he asks you will find joy. He has blessed me with abundant joy.” ~ ~ Hailey Bryan



“When asked what my experience was at Steubenville Northwest I find it difficult to explain, so I will keep it very short. At the conference I began to understand how the Lord can change your life so quickly if you let him, I learned that the only being that should rule my heart is God, and I learned that His love for all of us is so incomprehensible. The opportunity to attend this conference, funded by the generosity and prayers of you all, has truly guided me to dive deeper into my relationship with the Lord and I can only hope and pray to have this opportunity again next year! Thank you all for your kindness and support!” ~ ~ Annette Rostel

**YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:** If you would like to receive our e-mail please contact Whitney Compton at [wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.org).

**SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS!** For an electronic copy of the Summer Schedule contact Whitney via E-Mail: [wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.org).

TODAY: Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> 2015:  
Edge Movie Night

NEXT WEEK: Daughters of Victory  
and Monday Funday!

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB):** TOB will continue this week on Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30p-8:00p in the Parish Hall with Chapter 11: Dating with Purity and Purpose. Next week, class 12, will be our last class!

**ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION!** It’s that time again. Your teen must be registered to participate in youth ministry events at Sacred Heart Church from Fall 2015 through Summer 2016! A new packet must be filled out each year for each teen! Registration packets can be obtained at the all the entrances to the Church, from the Church office, or I can e-mail it out and you can print it at home, fill it out at home, and return to Whitney in the office. Questions? call or e-mail me!



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

School starts Monday, August 31!

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday, August 25: Kindergarten, 5 - 8th grades, and new family orientation

Monday, September 14: 150 year Celebration Mass with Archbishop Sample

Wednesday, September 16: Back to School Night and Dinner



**FAMILY Vacation Bible School**

August 24 – 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday--Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

It's all about Weird Animals

Where Jesus' love is One-Of-A-Kind

(Light Supper at 5:30pm) Register now .....

All registrations submitted before August 17<sup>th</sup> will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card!!! (Dutch Bros/ToysRUs/or Barnes & Noble)



Please drop off **perishable items** to the Parish Hall Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am – 5pm  
Fruit can be dropped off Monday Aug 24 --Wednesday Aug 26<sup>th</sup> from 2pm onwards or call Mary Stallard for a more convenient time at 541-779-4661 ext 107



**THANKS FOR YOUR VBS DONATIONS !!!!**

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You! What a blessing your donations have been! I just couldn't imagine VBS without your support and generosity. Way to go Sacred Heart!

We now have enough Spaghetti pasta and sauce; marshmallows; mustard & ketchup.

Here are the items we still need if you can help.

**Perishable Items:**

4 bottles of squeezable butter

Two bags mozzarella cheese (8cups per bag)

6 lbs of hamburger ( I need 3)

3lb bags of Mixed Salad (I need 3)

8 pack bag of hot dog buns (I need 13)

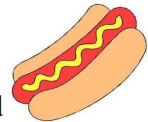
10 packs of hotdogs

6 Seedless Watermelons

4 Cantaloupes

Grapes (seedless)

12 loaves of garlic bread



**DOVE BOOK OWNER RETIRING**

Louise Wall, owner of DOVE Book Center/ Sharing the Spirit of Christ, will close its' doors by summers end. A liquidation sale is going on now with everything on sale 25% off. All sales final. Stop by and wish Louise a Happy Retirement and enjoy some great deals on books, candles, statues, pictures and gifts. Address: 109 Depot St., Rogue River (541-582-4680). Hours: Monday -- Saturday 11:00 to 4:00.

Louise -- we will all miss you!

**MILITARY BOARD**

Thank you to all our military men and women who serve our country! We are deeply grateful and keep them always in prayer. If you would like a photo posted on the board of a relative on active military duty, please drop it by the parish office with their name and rank. If you'd like your photo returned, please include your name and address on the back of

“Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason.” ~ Pope Francis



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**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

Did your abortion, or a loved one's abortion, “change” you? Have you convinced yourself that you have dealt with your abortion experience, but you still feel uncertain? Have you been looking at the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat ad in the bulletin for years, and wondering what it is all about?

September 18-20<sup>th</sup> there will be a retreat at the Powell Butte Retreat Center where healing, forgiveness, hope, and transformation are offered in a safe, caring, and strictly confidential environment

To attend, or for information, please contact: Patricia Hutchinson, Project Rachel Coordinator at 1-800-249-8074, [ProjectRachel@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org) or [phutchinson@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org](mailto:phutchinson@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org).

For more information about the national program, visit: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)