

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b (122B) SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:21-32
GOSPEL: John 6:60-69



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 heart-toheart.ks@gmail.com.

Q: Is Allah (the title for God associated with Islam) the same as our God?

A: The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph #841, tries to discuss the makeup of God's Church in his plan of salvation in the broadest sense according to the degrees of unity that other faiths are linked with the institutional Catholic Church. You may imagine an archery target with a series of concentric circles and with the Catholic Church as the "Bull's Eye" and with each successive outer ring having less and less in common with us. The Catechism lists these rings in the following order; 1) The Orthodox churches, 2) Protestant churches/the rest of Christianity, 3) Judaism, 4) Other Monotheists (with Islam as the principle example), 5) People of good will who are striving to discover truth and who are trying to live good lives according to their consciences (with Buddhism given as the principle example), and finally, with the greatest hopeful sense 6) Potential members). Judaism is the non-Christian religion that shares the most in common with us due to the Old Testament roots that we hold in common and the God of Judaism is therefore most like our own understanding of God the Father, since they do not have a belief in the Trinity. Islam, with its belief in Allah, is one step removed from that and, thus, the concept of Allah is a more shadowy and imperfect image of God. According to the Catechism, "(The Church's relationship with the Muslims)... The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day." In other words, as it relates to the parishioner's question, to the extent that Muslims believe in one God who was the creator of all things and who will judge all people the answer is "yes". Allah and our God are the same (although known by different names). However, it is also true that, to the extent that the Islamic view of God differs from our own, the answer is "no". They are different. Christians believe that Jesus is the icon of God. Jesus even told the apostles that if they had seen him they had seen the Father. He also told them that the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, would further instruct our hearts as to the ways of God and through these

two means (the Son and the Holy Spirit) we are left with a Christian image of God as mercy and love. The Islamic view of God is closer to a Master/Slave relationship. "At the heart of Islam is a single core belief: that there is One God, who is eternal, uncreated, and controls the entire cosmos" However, "the name 'Islam' is commonly interpreted as 'submission to the will of God' [or] 'peace through submission to God'. ... Because of their submission to God's will, Muslims sometimes refer to themselves as *abd-Allah* or *slave of God*). This significant difference of view is where we begin to see a great departure from Christian ethos. (Wilkinson, Religions).

Q: What is the history of the Rosary? Did it evolve from the Arab prayer beads or did the Arab prayer beads evolve from the Rosary?

A: The Rosary is a prayer that is generally credited to St. Dominic in the Middle Ages. Many believe it was given to him via an apparition by Mary herself. What we know beyond a doubt though is that its popularity took off among the laity during St. Dominic's time. This was at a time unfortunately when the clergy of the day were often corrupt and not setting holy examples and when the laity was beginning to get a stronger sense that a call to holiness was not just something clergy and religious were called to. Why did its popularity take off? Well, illiteracy was widespread at the time and normally only the clergy and the upper classes could read. Therefore, lay access to the Bible and its stories was limited to oral transmission in preaching, theater and religious art like statuary and stained glass. At that time clergy prayed all 150 psalms daily as part of their prayer discipline. Through the Rosary, if all 15 decades were prayed, the laity could not only recall key Bible scenes in the life of Jesus but they could pray 150 Hail Marys as the "Little Psalter" with rote prayer that would not require reading skills. That is a very brief history of the prayer which has become the most recommended prayer of the Church after the Mass itself. In answer to the 2nd part of the question, I do not believe there is any connection other than this simple one. All major religions have some custom of using prayer beads which was likely predated by the use of holding and casting away small pebbles as one prayed in a repetitious manner. Beads strung on a string became handy since most cultures did not make use of pockets on their clothing and since the prayer beads could be worn around the neck. These, beads or pebbles or other primitive forms have been scientifically shown to help lead practitioners into deeper prayer due to both the repetitive rhythm and the ability to include tactile activity with the prayer.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT OUR CHURCH

Sacred Heart Catholic Church seeks an organized and self-motivated professional to serve as a Bilingual Administrative Assistant who will provide administrative support, maintenance of parish records, and office reception for the parish office. This is a part time position (16 hrs/wk) working on Thursdays and Fridays.

Primary responsibilities include: Recording and maintaining church sacramental records and parish registration records. Receptionist duties for parish office.

Qualifications desired: Experience in office operations and secretarial procedures is required. Proficiency with a computer including experience with Microsoft Office Suite software and database software with keyboarding at 50 wpm and 10-key by touch. Excellent communication skills (both verbal and written) in both Spanish and English. Ability to meet deadlines is important, including the ability to prioritize workload to meet demands. A high level of accuracy and attention to detail with the ability to maintain confidentiality is a must. Legible penmanship is required.

High School graduate with three to five years' office support experience. Experience in a Catholic parish or other related entity is a plus. Practicing Catholic preferred.

Send resume and cover letter to Marie Chandler, 517 W. 10th Street, Medford, OR 97501 or email to: mchandler@archdpdx.org.

FIFTH SUNDAY FAMILY ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus are inviting Sacred Heart parishioners to participate in the council's 5th Sunday Family Rosary Program. This Rosary will be offered on Sunday, August 30th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us for this first 5th Sunday Family Rosary to pray for our Lord's protection from the many challenges to faith and morality in our country today, for the intentions of Pope Francis and for your families personal intentions.

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 to schedule lector training. Thank you so much for answering this urgent call!

LOOKING FOR FOLKS TO WELCOME PARISHIONERS TO THEIR PHOTO SESSION!

It's a two hour job where you get to sit down and be pleasant to all those you encounter! You could help your parish and not have 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. **6 folks have signed up to work so we still need another 31 folks** for the 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 from Noon until 7:30pm and Saturday from 8am-5pm. Please call Mary Jo Baich 541-734-3274 by August 29th and lend a hand to your parish.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Aug. 24: +Antonio Chavez
T. Aug. 25: Sr. Patricia Landin
W. Aug. 26: +Curtis Davis
Th. Aug. 27: The Graham Family
Fr. Aug. 28: +Toni Bianchini

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Aug. 24: +Geri Gonos
T. Aug. 25: Maria Dellapenta
W. Aug. 26: The Omann Family
Th. Aug. 27: +Jean Burdge
Fr. Aug. 28: +Joseph Burboa
Sat. Aug. 29: +Janice Gnos

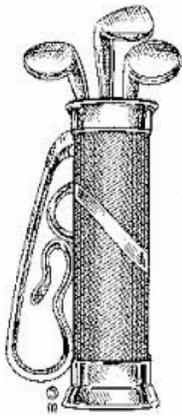
PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Joanne Hafner, Evelyn Bocast, Peyton Hadley, Betty Carlson, Jonathan Cotta, Patty Wittenbock, Mary Ann Hebert, Emil Knutson, Starr Davis, Madeline Kosmatka, Bill Schueller, Cynthia Sugiura, Jonathan Carraway, Trudy Omann, Kathy Steiner, Frank Perez, Joan Molatore, Paula George, John & Paul Zeleznik, John Kuchler, George Halvorsen, 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, especially:

+Peggy Rose

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL
"INTO THE HEART OF THE CUP" SHCS GOLF TOURNAMENT**



on Friday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m.
shotgun start at Eagle Point Golf Club.
Cost is \$500/foursome or \$135/player.

See entry form on our school website: www.shcs.org

We are also selling golf ball drop tickets for \$5/each.

One LUCKY winner will win \$1,500 in cash
or \$1,500 SHCS tuition!!!

Thanks for your support.

Call Sacred Heart School at 541-772-4105.

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

During the summer months, many of us journey near and far to see new places and discover beautiful vistas. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an exciting journey too – of faith! You may have already been attending Mass for years as the spouse or friend of a Catholic, or be someone whose quest for Truth has led you here. Perhaps you have older children who are not yet baptized. Whatever the case, RCIA is the process by which persons from many faith journeys come together to learn and consider becoming fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Is this you, your child, or a friend?

- * Adults and children seven and older who are not yet baptized
- * Adults baptized in other Christian churches
- * Baptized Catholic teens and adults who have not yet received their First Communion
- * Baptized Catholic adults who wish to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation

Weekly RCIA sessions for adults, teens, and older children begin on Tuesday, September 15th in the parish hall. Adults meet from 6:30-8:00; children and teens meet from 7-00 – 8:00.

At these informal and friendly sessions, you'll become acquainted with the Catholic faith and our parish community.

For information or to sign up, please contact Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org.

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 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

Calling all singles, yes you in the back row and even those of you who are camera shy! Let's build up our community and make it complete with your picture in the directory. 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**



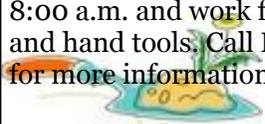
Mass through August, or go on-line Monday through Friday to sign up

at sacredheartmedford.org You can also call the parish office if you need help registering for your photo session. Portrait sessions are September 1-5 (filled), 24-26; October 16 & 17, 23 & 24; November 6 & 7. You may book your photo session on weekdays from Noon until 7:30pm and Saturdays 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.

Sacred Heart wants you for a photo session, will you say yes to this call?

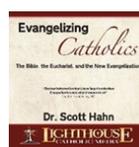
VOLUNTEER WEEDERS NEEDED

Have you noticed the beautiful flowers blooming around the church? Would you like to be a part of who makes that happen? Much of the landscape maintenance is wonderfully done by the Wednesday Weeders and there is an ongoing need for more volunteers. Please consider joining our little group. Whether you can only help occasionally or on a regular basis any time you can give is most appreciated. We meet at 8:00 a.m. and work for an hour. Bring gloves and hand tools. Call BJ Buxton 541.772.8292 for more information.



MEDIA KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK

Cost: Books \$4 CDs \$3 Booklets \$2 Pamphlets 50¢
Place payment in slot on lower right side of the kiosk



EVANGELIZING CATHOLICS

In this informative and dynamic presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why the New Evangelization is the greatest priority of the Church at this time, and how we are all called to share our faith. He shows us how the Eucharist relates to explaining Jesus' death and resurrection, and how Blessed John Paul II's call for a New Evangelization must be based on the Eucharist.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS Thank you to all who made the produce sale such a success through buying produce and donations. Funds are for the support of the needs of the altar. We will be having another produce sale on August 23, 2015. Bring produce from excess of your garden. Meetings are on the second Monday of the month beginning in September. Hope to see you there.

Financial Report

	8/9/2015	8/10/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$21,607.66	\$14,785.86
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$103,159.73	\$101,969.68
Needed for Budget	\$107,307.70	\$108,865.38
Over (under) Budget	(\$4,147.97)	(\$6,895.70)

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 online at www.rediscoverthespark.org for the **August 28th – 30th weekend at Our Lady of Peace**. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Whitney Compton, Youth Minister: wcompton@archdpdx.org
Please e-mail Whitney for her **NEW PHONE NUMBER**

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35: If you would like to receive our e-mail please contact Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpdx.org. Our September e-mail will be out soon!

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS! For an electronic copy of the Summer Schedule contact Whitney via E-Mail: wcompton@archdpdx.org.
TODAY: Sunday August 23rd Daughters of Victory from 10:00a-11:30p.
Sisters relating to Brothers!
TOMORROW: Our Last Monday Funday! 1:00p-3:00p at the SHCC Youth Room

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB): TOB class this week! Our last TOB class will take place on Wednesday August 26th with Chapter 12: Living the Good (and Free) Life! We will begin at 6:30p.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION for 2015/2016! Registration has begun and will close on September 14, 2015. After the closing date, there will not be an opportunity to register for Confirmation until next year! Those able to apply for Confirmation Prep are any high school teen who desires to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes are on Wednesday Evenings at Sacred Heart Catholic School. You can obtain a registration packet (and/or return your completed packet) at the Church Office between the hours of 8a-4p (bring your Teens baptismal certificate with you)! The new location for Confirmation class this year is Sacred Heart Catholic School. **The first Confirmation Class is on Wednesday September 16th 2015 from 6:00-7:30p Parents and Teens are REQUIRED to attend the first class together.**

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!

BEGINS MONDAY!!! FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Dates: Monday August 24th – Thursday August 27th
Times: Each evening 6pm – 8:30pm
Supper : 5:30 – 6pm
Place: Sacred Heart Parish Hall
for the **WHOLE FAMILY!**
Family with 1 child \$35, with 2 children \$40
With 3 or more children \$45
If attending Light Supper at 5:30pm please make a

donation to help with our costs. Thanks!!

REGISTRATION for CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Registration for Religious Education Classes and Sacrament Preparation Classes begins August 31st. Registration Forms can be picked up at the Parish Office or call or email Mary Stallard for your email copy or hard copy via mail service.

If enrolling your child in Sacrament Preparation call Mary for eligibility criteria and starting dates. Contact Mary Stallard @ 541-779-4661. mstallard@shcs.org



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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

All women of the parish are invited to attend. We are the largest national organization of Catholic women in the world. We are dedicated to strengthening our spiritual life through Christ and His Church. Our motto is Unity and Charity. We gather the first Tuesday of each month (September 1st). We begin with Rosary at 8:00 in the church, followed by Mass, then to the hall for a light snack (please bring a snack to share).

Our meeting will begin at 9:30 in the parish hall. There will be the official induction of our new officers: Karen Gale, Secretary and Carole Whitney, Treasurer.

A presentation will be made to Mason Yeamans and Elias Angulo, the recipients of the Sacred Heart School Scholarships.

A special thanks goes out to all Daughters who volunteered to help with the youth program "Theology of the Body", the parish picnic and the parish "Family Vacation Summer Program".

For more information please call Connie Moyer 541-773-8736.

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!

CATHOLIC SENTINEL NEWS

In the new Catholic Sentinel, see what happened when 70 Portland Catholics met at a shopping mall, prayed, sang and set out to tell shoppers about the love of God.

What will be ringing again at St. Mary Cathedral? Read about a pro-life protest organized by students. See how faith helps runner Galen Rupp and his coach Alberto Salazar navigate doping allegations. College students in Oregon report that religion is sometimes ridiculed, often ignored on campus. Read about Chinese schismatic bishops ordaining priests and see how Bishop-elect Robert Barron responds to his earlier statements on Bruce/Caitlyn Jenner. Read and stay informed.

Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 161

"Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us." ~ Pope Francis

First 1000 Days: A Catholic Culture of Life Initiative

If you have moved or changed your phone number please call the office and we will update your record. Thank you.

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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 18-20th 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 or phutchinson@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org.

For more information about the national program, visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org