



FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 (125B) SECOND READING: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Because You Asked...

Q: The following question actually came to me in the form of a short essay but the summarized points made are as follows: Is silence truly golden? If so, why do so many talk in church? Has the respect for the role of silence in prayer been lost? If this shift of “fellowship” is the new model of proper etiquette in church, then how can one go about cultivating interior silence to more deeply enter the liturgy?

A: Since the end of the Vatican II Council there has been some debate among theologians regarding competing models of the Church and how we are to view it and each brings with it certain atmospheric and behavioral implications. The first model is the Church as “Temple”. Symbolically, I think of this as the vertical beam of the cross because those who subscribe to this view tend to emphasize the more vertical exchange between God in heaven and us here on earth. Think of Moses removing his sandals before the burning bush or the sense that the ancient Jews had about the presence of the Shekanah cloud signifying God’s presence within the Holy of Holies and how even the clergy were in awe and feared to enter there. On the positive side, people who tend toward this model appreciate reverence shown within the Church and sacred silence, much like the parishioner who raised this question. They would tend to appreciate the more solemn liturgical forms, adoration, contemplative and devotional prayers and solemn music and preaching as well. They would likely want to see no noticeable difference between the atmosphere maintained in the adoration chapel and in the church itself and would want to remove all worldly distractions from prayer and worship. If taken too far those in this camp can also become guilty of viewing the presence of others as a negative distraction and tend not even to want to acknowledge others at such time as the Sign of Peace or entering and exiting the Church. The second model is the Church as “House of God”. Symbolically, I think of this as the horizontal beam of the cross where others are seen as fellow family members gathering to be with the Lord. Here, think of St. Paul’s image of the Church as the fellowship of the faithful forming the Body of Christ as one united family/community. On the positive side, people who tend toward this model would more closely associate with “The Washing of the Feet” or “The Good Samaritan”. They would recall that one cannot say they love God while at the same time failing to love their brother. Because of this horizontal focus, they would tend to emphasize things like the ministry of greeters, social gatherings and

faith programs and full and active participation from all during the Liturgy. These people would not see talking as irreverent, if kept within reason. They would see it as welcoming the stranger and/or doing the loving thing. If taken too far though we are left simply sitting around looking at each other and making gods of ourselves while losing track of God in the process. Thus, worship can devolve into mere entertainment. Now going back to the question, here is the problem as I see it. The contrast between these two very different world views is often presented as though it were an either/or choice. I had a wise, old professor who was fond of saying that every time someone tries to present you with an either/or choice, the correct Catholic response is, more often than not, is to turn it into a both/and proposal. I think his advice applies in this situation. Yes these two models are opposed but they can be made to coexist in tension. It is, for example, possible to be welcoming and prayerful at the same time. As Jesus said, we need to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and love our neighbor as ourselves. Where the vertical beam and the horizontal beam are found intersecting, that is the Way of the Cross...and the way of the Church. We should each try to respect others and allow for silence in the moments immediately leading up to the start of Mass. Priests should strive to allow some moments of brief silence before the Confiteor (I confess...), after the homily and after communion for reflection and thanksgiving. Most priests, myself included, probably do not allow as much time for this as we should. But we should also strive to be welcoming and to put a joyful, loving face on our faith by connecting with those around us. After all, some people live in great loneliness or are new to the city and need and want to make connections with the faith community. And it is possible to reverence the Eucharist and, at the same time, live the Eucharist through love and service to others. We all need to strive for healthy balance in this regard. If one desires more silence than the atmosphere of the Mass is currently providing, it can be found in private prayer where Jesus instructed us to go to our room and close the door. I can assure you that neither the Feeding of the Multitudes nor the Last Supper were completely silent affairs.

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.

Father Ken



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.

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.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Aug. 31: +Paul, +Mary, & +Dolores Zeleznik
- T. Sept. 1: Debbie Peerenboon
- W. Sept. 2: +Marjorie Rohrer
- Th. Sept. 3: The Hunkler Family
- Fr. Sept. 4: +Arlie Brogan

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Aug. 31: +Enrico Console
- T. Sept. 1: Catholic Daughters
- W. Sept. 2: The Batzer Family
- Th. Sept. 3: Secorra Holloway
- Fr. Sept. 4: +Ralph Cavanaugh
- Sat. Sept. 5: Paul Dellapenta

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

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

Please pray for the deceased of our parish, especially: +Albin Hudek, +Betty Carlson, and +Peggy Rose

A TIME WITH THE LORD, AGAIN

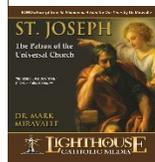
Join Father Justus for a fall retreat for all pious groups of Sacred Heart Parish on Friday, September 18 from 10:30 to 4:00 at St. Rita’s Retreat Center, Gold Hill. The purpose of the retreat is for Spiritual nourishment as we near the Advent season, and as we make service commitments for the New Year. We wish to set aside a day for the Lord who inspires us to belong to these various groups to serve God’s people and the Church.. We will ask Him to nourish our spiritual energy, inspire us, and to bless our individual prayers and families. The groups involved will be: Legion of Mary, Altar Society, Catholic Daughters of America, Hospitality Groups, Rosary Guild, and anyone who wants to spend time away with the Lord that day. Please bring your brown bag lunch and drink. If you have questions please feel free to contact: the parish office 541-779-4661, or call St. Rita’s at 541- 855-1333, or Annie Sanchez. Any of these contacts will help you with any question regarding this retreat.

WOULD YOU LIKE A 1 IN 200 CHANCE TO WIN \$5,000.00?!!!!

As part of this years annual wine tasting and auction, Shepherd of the Valley parish is selling raffle tickets with one grand prize of \$5,000.00, divided into \$2,500.00 cash and a \$2,500.00 prepaid VISA card. Only 200 tickets have been printed. Net proceeds will be used to provide financial support to local charities here in the Rogue Valley which help families and youth in need. If you are interested in making a \$100 investment for this worthwhile cause, tickets are available at Shepherd of the Valley Church during business hours. Call Leon Stupfel at 541-664-2154 for information.



**KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK
ST JOSEPH PATRON OF THE CHURCH**



The holy and hidden figure of St. Joseph comes to light in this captivating presentation by Dr. Mark Miravalle. What is the dignity of this great man, and how do we convey the wondrous power of his intercession? Listen, as he delves into the fascinating and hidden life of the man whom God chose to "substitute" for Himself when the Word became flesh to dwell among us.

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

Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 168

"Defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems." ~ Pope Francis
First 1000 Days: A Catholic Culture of Life Initiative

HELP!!

We need 20 more folks to sign up as greeters at the photo sessions especially for the first week. It’s a 2 hour commitment. You greet arrivals and verify their address and phone number. Dates workers needed are: 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 9am-5pm. Please call Mary Jo Baich 541-734-3274 and lend a hand.

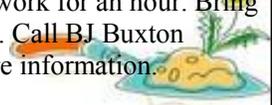
Financial Report

	8/16/2015	8/17/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$13,805.38	\$18,466.33
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$116,965.11	\$120,436.01
Needed for Budget	\$125,192.32	\$127,009.62
Over (under) Budget	(\$8,227.21)	(\$6,573.61)

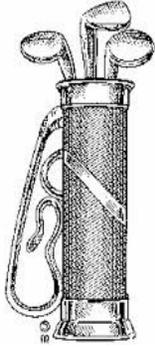
The new fiscal year started July 1. Please keep the needs of the parish in mind this summer. Our online giving program works great if you are out of town. To use the program please see <https://sacredheartmedford.weshareonline.org>.

COME WEED, WEED, WEED

Much of the church landscape maintenance is done by the Wednesday Weeders and there is an ongoing need for more volunteers. Any time you can give is most appreciated. We meet at 8:00AM and work for an hour. Bring gloves and hand tools. Call BJ Buxton 541.772.8292 for more information.



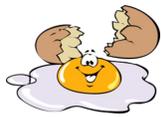
**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL
"INTO THE HEART OF THE CUP" SHCS GOLF TOURNAMENT**



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.

BREAKFAST AFTER MASS 8/30/2015



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

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Thanks to all who helped to make our produce a success! Monday, September 14, 11:00AM will be our first day meeting of 2015/2016. Thursday, September 10, 6:00PM will be our first evening meeting which will be a pot luck. Hope to see you there.

UPDATE ON DIRECTORY NUMBERS

390 parishioners have signed up for a directory photo. Are we missing you? It's easy to sign up 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 Mass this weekend, or on-line Monday -- Friday at sacredheartmedford.org. Call the parish office if you need help registering for your photo session. Remaining available sessions: September 24-26; October 16 & 17, 23; 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. Photos will be taken in the parish hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

We meet the first Tuesday of each month (Sept. 1st) in the church for Rosary at 8:00, Mass, then to the hall for a light snack (please bring a snack to share). Our meeting will begin at 9:30. Father Justus will be our guest speaker. He will share about his recent trip to Africa.
We also welcome our new officers:
Karen Gale, Secretary & Carole Whitney, Treasurer.
All women of the parish are invited.

ATTENTION: SINGLES

"THE SHEPHERDS' SINGLES" will have our 2nd group gathering on Monday, September 21st @ 7:00pm in the conference room in the church, at Shepherd of the Valley.
We will discuss activities, opportunities to assist others, ground rules and many more topics. Please plan to attend and bring your thoughts and ideas. Your input is valuable.
(Ages 35 thru still loving life are welcome)
Call Eileen Shingle (541) 535-3973 with questions.

OLD TESTAMENT THE STUDY OF CATHOLIC TEACHING ABOUT SCRIPTURE

A two weekend in-depth course at Shepherd of the Valley, Central Point, presented by Fr. Mike Walker
September 25-26 & October 2-3, Fridays 6:00-9:00 p.m. Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sponsored By: Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon-Ministry Formation Office Southern Oregon Vicariate
Registration to: Marty Edinger 541-821-5178 or martywwsor@yahoo.com

COFFEE & DONUTS

SCHEDULE

September 6

7:00 - Paul Stancel
8:30 - TBA



September 13

7:00 & 8:30 - Spanish
Breakfast Fundraiser
(no Coffee & Donuts)

September 20

7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom
8:30 - TBA

September 27

7:00 & 8:30 - Spanish
Breakfast Fundraiser (no
Coffee & Donuts)



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Whitney Compton, Youth Minister: wcompton@archdpx.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@archdpx.org. Check your inbox for our September schedule!

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: TOB class is complete! A big thank you to all who helped out and all who provided a snack for the teens! Please pray for our teens so they have the grace to live out the new lifestyle they have discovered in the Theology of the Body Classes!

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION: The Archdiocesan policy requires youth ministers to receive (for each youth) a new and updated registration packet. If you were registered last year and wish to continue attending youth ministry events please turn in a new registration packet to the office or Whitney Compton. If you have any questions please contact Whitney via e-mail.

ONE NIGHT ONLY!
CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION!!!
(or register daily at the Parish Office)

Join us **Wednesday September 2nd in the parish hall from 6:30 - 8PM for Confirmation registration.** Registration closes September 14th and classes begin September 16! If you cannot make it in during the day to register your teen please come for this **one** time evening registration. Bring your teen(s) baptismal certificate. Confirmation Prep is for **high school teens** who desire Confirmation. Classes are on Wednesday Evenings at Sacred Heart Catholic School.
Confirmation Class begins Wednesday, September 16th 6:00-7:30p. Parents and Teens are REQUIRED to attend the first class.

XLT ADORATION: Adoration for the whole vicariate will take place on Sunday, September 13th, at Sacred Heart Church, 7:00-8:30PM. Edge, Life Teen, and Young Adults are welcome to join us for Adoration. Following Adoration there will be a social from 8:30 10:00. This event is public event (like a Mass on any given weekend); therefore parents are responsible for transportation or knowledge of transportation for their teens and are strongly encouraged to stay at the event and enjoy adoration with their teen (especially those in the EDGE program). There will be a sign in/out form at event for older teens that may drive themselves with the permission of their parents. Don't Miss Out On This Awesome Opportunity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- Registration Forms this year will be mailed to anyone who attended Religious Education last year.
- If you are new to the Parish, forms for Religious Education are available at the doors of the church or pick one up at the Parish Office.
- Classes begin September 27th, 2015
- Classes are held Sunday mornings 9:50am – 11:15am at Sacred Heart School.

If have any questions or require clarification please call Mary Stallard at the Parish Office.

As a new School begins remember also to begin or renew your child's faith life and join our wonderful Religious Education Group and Sacrament Program. We meet each Sunday at Sacred Heart School in the cafeteria at 9:50am for a whole family Assembly. Then the children go to their classes. We have classes Preschool through 5th Grade. We aim to foster a love of God through sharing and learning about our beautiful Catholic Faith. My favorite saying to the children is "It's Cool to Be Catholic!"

Be Cool and Come Along and join us!!



Sacrament Preparation Eligibility and Forms

If your child is baptized; in grade 2-5; in their 2nd consecutive year of Religious Education or 2nd consecutive year at Sacred Heart School and you are registered member of Sacred Heart they may be eligible. Classes will be held on alternating Wednesdays evenings 6-7pm beginning September 30th, 2015 Enrollment closes September 28th, 2015

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

Email mstallard@shcs.org

Please ensure you leave your name, your child's name and correct phone number; preferred contact time and your email.

O Eternal God, bless all schools,
colleges, and universities
that they may be lively centers for
sound learning, new discovery,
and the pursuit of wisdom;

and grant that those who teach
and those who learn may find
you to be the source of all truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CATECHIST INSERVICE



Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall
When: Saturday September 12th, 2015
Times: Mass at 8:30am
Registration begins at 9:30am

9:30am - 3:30pm with Lunch Included!!

For: Catechists or anyone interested in sharing
the Catholic faith with our Children and Youth

Presentations in English & Spanish

All churches in our vicariate are invited!!

DOVE BOOK LOUISE WALL RETIRING 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.

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

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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