

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8 (116B) SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:30-5:2  
GOSPEL: John 6:41-51



**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).*

Q: The following is a synthesis of questions from two parishioners: Some older Catholics remember when the risk of going to hell was often mentioned because a single mortal sin determined a person's eternal fate if they died. Nowadays, many seem to think hell is contradictory to the nature of a "loving God". The popular thinking is that hell does not exist or that only a few ever go there. Please express authentic Catholic teaching on this important matter. Also, has sin become a four-letter word? If not then why do so few priests preach about sin? If we don't understand the gravity of sin, how are we supposed to appreciate the importance of God's saving mercy? Or put another way, why would we ever feel we might be in need of a Savior if we don't feel we are in need of being saved?

A: A great priest I met once said that the Gospel is like a battery. A battery has a negative side (anode) and a positive side (cathode) which are both necessary in order to produce power. If you don't have both the positive and negative sides of the battery then the lights go out. In the case of the Gospel, the positive side is God/salvation/Heaven/holiness and the negative side is Satan/damnation/Hell/sin. If we don't talk about both (though not necessarily in equal measure) then we lose some of the light of the Gospel as well. We sometimes need to speak of sin and evil not to give the devil undue credit or glory but to understand the realities of spiritual warfare, what God desires to save us from and what humanity looks like without God and His grace at work in our lives. I along with other preachers and teachers of the faith may at times be fairly criticized for not being consistent in showing both sides/choices in the spiritual struggle. If that is true, I think it comes from a desire to see Christian disciples being formed out of love for God rather than out of fear of punishment (think perfect vs. imperfect contrition with the Sacrament of Reconciliation for example). In 1 John 4:18, St. John wrote, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear". Therefore, at the risk of sounding like I am defending my own preaching style or speaking for other priests, I

would say that the old saying regarding how honey draws us in more effectively than vinegar applies here. That being said, moral theology and the nature of sin and spiritual warfare and its consequences certainly have their place in teaching the faith and sometimes that place is in the context of the homily. Your question has given me another opportunity, so let me address the two main points of your question in brief form:

The philosophical problem of the existence of hell and the possibility of damnation – Stated briefly, the problem is how can hell and damnation exist given that God is not just loving and merciful but that He is Love and Mercy itself? Well, it is possible because in order for love to exist freewill must also exist. God is omnipotent. He can command almost anything to happen. He cannot, however, command us to love him. That type of robotic response would not be love, properly speaking. Love must be freely given. But for that to be possible, a choice must also be provided and along with it the possibility that someone might choose not to love. Sin is the manifestation of that choice just as holiness is. When we reject God and the things of God we sin. When we love God and the things of God we grow in his likeness...that is, we become saintly. Hell and Heaven are manifestations of the accumulation of those choices for or against God and stamped by eternity. God holds hell in existence but he honors our free will and refuses to be there in order to accommodate those who desired in life to have God stay clear of them. Put another way, God's invitation that we might know, love and serve Him in this life so that we can be with Him eternally is a constant invitation but not one He ever forces on us. Those damned to hell, however incomprehensible, freely choose to reject that invitation. God does not send the damned to hell. They freely choose to go.

Mortal Sin – Mortal sin is a "grave violation of God's law" that "destroys charity in the heart of man" (CCC1855). To rise above the level of venial or lesser sin, the sin must involve grave matter, full knowledge and complete consent (CCC1858-9). If even one of these conditions is absent then the sin is venial. "If [mortal sin] is not redeemed by repentance and God's forgiveness, it causes exclusion from Christ's kingdom and the eternal death of hell...However, although we can judge that an act is in itself a grave offense, we must entrust judgment of persons to the justice and mercy of God" (CCC1861).



### CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

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### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION, SATURDAY AUGUST 15

Although the Feast of the Assumption is not a Holy Day of *Obligation* this year (since it falls on a Saturday), Father Ken calls it "a Holy Day of *Opportunity*"! We will have a beautiful Mass, with the choir singing at 8:30AM to celebrate beautiful Mary's Assumption into Heaven.

There will be coffee and donuts in the Hall following Mass.

### PATRICIANS:

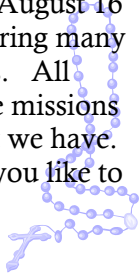
#### A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

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.

### 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? Call Bertha at 541-245-6981.



### 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?

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

- M. Aug. 10: Fr. Martin Tavares
- T. Aug. 11: +Dolores Harmon
- W. Aug. 12: +Toni Bianchini
- Th. Aug. 13: Jan Sieg
- Fr. Aug. 14: Ed & Mary Jo Baich

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

- M. Aug. 10: +Al Porras
- T. Aug. 11: Catholic Daughters
- W. Aug. 12: +Mary Beveridge
- Th. Aug. 13: +Jim Garvey
- Fr. Aug. 14: +William Landenburg
- Sat. Aug. 15: Fr. Theo Lange

### PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Kathy Wallace, 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

especially: +Prudy Marquardt, +Eva Silis, and +Ethel Richie.

## SMILE!

Lifetouch extends a welcome to your friends and family, even if they are not parishioners, to their own photo session. These folks will also receive a free 8 x 10 photo, but they will not be included in the church directory.

Like Sacred Heart parishioners, friends and family 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) Pick up a Friends and Family coupon after Mass and give it to whomever you wish.



### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Ladies: The produce sale is just a couple of week away, August 16. Hope to see you there. Also, we would like to hear your opinion about having an evening meeting. Please call Louise at 541-776-2441 if interested. Thank you and stay cool for the rest of the summer.



### MEDIA KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK



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

#### PROVE IT GOD

As a lifelong Catholic, wife, and mother of three, Patty Schneiier struggled with the Church's teaching on contraception – as many men and women do today. Her discovery of Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" revealed to her the fullness of God's plan for sex and marriage, and led to a dramatic renewal of her marriage and faith.

“Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport.”

~~ Pope Francis

### Financial Report

	7/26/2015	7/27/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$15,065.15	\$13,984.66
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$63,793.65	\$65,480.58
Needed for Budget	\$71,538.46	\$72,576.92
Over (under) Budget	(\$7,744.81)	(\$7,096.34)

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.



### CATHOLIC SENTINEL -- NEWSY!

In the new Catholic Sentinel, meet some Catholics and their pets at the Grotto pet blessing; adorable and holy make a good mix.

Review the lives of two priests who were influential on Oregon Catholicism in the years after the Second Vatican Council.

See what local conference-goers learned about putting Pope Francis' new encyclical into practice.

Learn some tips for going on pilgrimage and find out why Archbishop Sample will be riding his bicycle around Lake Oswego later this month.

Read Archbishop Sample's concluding column on the holiness of marriage



**SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

**ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION!** It's that time again.

For the safety of your teen(s) while at youth group events from fall 2015 through summer 2016 your teen must be registered to participate in youth ministry events at Sacred Heart Church! If you filled out a registration packet last year you will need to fill one out again this year for each teen. Youth group registration will be open for fall beginning on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. Registration packets can be obtained one of three ways; they are available at the all the entrances to the Church, grab one 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 me in the office. Questions? just call or e-mail me!

**CALLING ALL YOUTH! YOUTH MASS** on Sunday Nights at 5:00 *every Sunday this summer.* Come celebrate Mass with your family and other youth in our parish community. Come 15-20 minutes early, help set up for Mass and check-in with those who you haven't seen during the week; you have a reserved seat so no worries!

**YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:**

We are headed to XLT Adoration at St. Anne's in Grants Pass TONIGHT followed by a social at Wild River (PIZZA)! Join us!

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

August 9<sup>th</sup>: Daughters of Victory:  
Reconciling Relationships!  
August 10<sup>th</sup>: Monday Funday: 1-3pm at the Youth Room!

NEXT WEEK: Edge Movie Night!

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB):** TOB will continue this week on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30p-8:00p in the Parish Hall with Chapter 10: Finding your Vocation. We will begin at 6:30p.

**XLT ADORATION: TONIGHT** for the whole vicariate on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 at St. Anne's Catholic Church from 7:00p-8:30p. Edge, Life Teen, and Young Adults are welcome to join us for Adoration. Following Adoration there will be a social that takes place from 8:30p-10:00p. This is a public event 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!

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**FAMILY Vacation Bible School**

Weird Animals :- Where Jesus' love is One-Of-A-Kind" Monday -- Thursday August 24 -- 27  
6:00 - 8:30pm (light Supper at 5:30pm) Register now! All registrations submitted by August 17<sup>th</sup>  
will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card!!! (Dutch Bros/ToysRUs/or Barnes & Noble)

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

Without your support our Family VBS would not be possible!! Below are a few more essentials needed

**Perishable Items**

- 4 bottles of squeezable butter
- 2 bags mozzarella cheese (8cups per bag)
- 6 lbs of hamburger ( I need 3)
- 3 lb bags of Mixed Salad (Costco or Cash & Carry) I need 3
- 1 lb bag of baby carrots (I need 5)
- 8 pack bag of hot dog buns (I need 13)
- 10 packs of hotdogs
- 6 Seedless Watermelons
- 4 Cantaloupes
- Grapes (seedless)
- Baker Potatoes (2 large bags)
- 12 loaves of garlic bread



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



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

**Part-time Spanish (Grades 4-8)**

**Part-time PE (Grades K-8)**

**Part-time Music (Grades K-8)**

**Volleyball Coach**

Sacred Heart Catholic School, a vibrant community of faith and learning, is hiring a part-time Music Teacher (classroom music, liturgical music, choir), a part-time Spanish teacher and a part-time P.E. teacher, for grades K-8. A volleyball coach is also needed.

**Two of these positions could be combined for a qualified candidate.** The selected candidate(s) will hold an Oregon teaching certificate, be passionate about making a difference, and be comfortable with a flexible, team-based approach. A practicing Catholic is preferred. Please visit [www.shcs.org](http://www.shcs.org) for more information.

Send or email an Employment Application Form, cover letter and resume to the school office, or to Patrick Gross, Principal at [pgross@shcs.org](mailto:pgross@shcs.org).

**COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE**

**August 9**

7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom, 8:30 - TBA

**August 16**

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

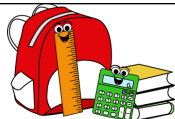
**August 23**

NO Coffee & Donuts



**August 30**

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



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE AWAY**  
**August 10 through August 13, 2015 Monday through Thursday**  
**3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Free school supplies will be given to K-12 students of Low-income families. Parents should bring their identification cards, Oregon Health Plan cards or Oregon Trail cards and identification for the students. Volunteers are also always needed for our daily services. St Vincent de Paul Dining Room 2424 Nt. Pacific Hwy. Medford, Oregon 97501 phone 541-772-3828 God Bless You Always.



## POPE FRANCIS AUGUST INTENTIONS

taken from Apostleship of Prayer

### Universal Intention – Volunteers

*That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.*

### Reflection

In what ways have I experienced the truth of the peace prayer of St. Francis that “it is in giving that we receive.”?

### Scripture

Luke 6: 38 Jesus said: “the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

### Prayer of the Month

O God, who have taught your faithful people to seek not to be served, but to serve their brothers and sisters, grant, we pray, that they may be effective in action, gentle in work, and constant in prayer. Amen. --adapted from the Roman Missal

## Evangelization Intention - Outreach to the Marginalized

*That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.*

### Reflection

Who on the margins am I most afraid to approach? Why?

### Scripture

Mark 1: 40-45 Moved with pity Jesus stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and told him, “I want what you want. Be made clean.”

## 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.

## 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)

## 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!

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

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