

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Amos 7:12-15 (104B) SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14 GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

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.

Q: I have a question concerning whether Easter and Christmas Vigils may fulfill the actual Sunday/Holy Day Obligation attendance for Easter and Christmas Day Masses.

A: As far as I know, our custom of keeping vigils predates Christianity and goes back at least as far as ancient Judaism. A Jewish community once explained to me that customarily the Jewish Sabbath is reckoned as beginning the night before from the moment three stars could be recognized in the night sky. In other words, as the Jewish Sabbath falls on Saturday, it actually begins after sundown on Friday night. This was important for Jews to understand because one had to refrain from labor and keep other Sabbath laws from that moment on. When Christianity came on the scene this was simply one of the Jewish customs that Christians chose to retain. We changed the Sabbath to Sunday on account of the Resurrection but we continued to view it as beginning at sundown the night before. Therefore, for all practical purposes, the Christian Sabbath (Sunday) actually begins Saturday night. If you attend the Vigil Mass you are fulfilling the Sabbath obligation. On the other hand, attending a Saturday morning/daily Mass does not fulfill your Sunday obligation. The current general rule is that the regular weekend vigil service should not begin before 5 pm unless special permission has been granted by the local ordinary. The Easter Vigil generally begins later than that. This past Easter we were instructed not to begin before 9 pm. As a final point, the first ever documented Christian Vigil was the Easter Vigil. Those to be received into the Church would gather after sundown in prayer and would be baptized at sunrise. They faced to the East and the rising sun signified for the community the Risen Son. For many centuries after, churches were traditionally built with the altar facing to the East for that very same reason.

Q: What can be said about the appropriateness of the laity extending their arms with hands facing outward and upward during the praying of the Our Father and the response "And with your spirit" at Mass. Is this not a prayer position reserved for the clergy?

A: This parishioner is referring to the prayer gesture known as *Orans* or *Orante* which dated back at least to Moses in the desert. This sacred prayer posture has been under debate at least since the 1990s for the very reason the parishioner states. What has added fuel to the debate fire has been the confusion that has sometimes arisen in failing to understand the distinction between the ordained priesthood and the common priesthood of the baptized. Ordained priests are called to act as Christ the head (*in persona Christi Capitis*) in leading the Body of Christ in prayer within the liturgical setting among other things. The common priesthood of the baptized refers to our shared role in praying for and making sacrifice for others. Modern popes have often felt that this distinction has become confused. Herein lies the connection with the *Orans* prayer position. *Orans* indicates a praying on behalf of the people. Prior to 1958, the Our Father was not a community prayer within the Mass. It was said by the priest alone, in Latin, on behalf of the people. This changed in 1958 when Pope Pius XII introduced a number of liturgical reforms. Among them, he allowed the laity to join with the priest in praying the Our Father as long as they could do it in Latin. When the liturgy shifted to the vernacular and everyone could join in the prayer in their native languages this practice continued. Although the wisdom of this reform is still debated by some, I am not aware of any restriction on the laity using the *Orans* prayer posture during the Our Father. It should not be used at other times in the Mass however (eg. During the Eucharistic prayer). In my experience, the gesture sometimes used during the response "And with your spirit" is not the *Orans* but simply an extension of the hands toward the celebrant of the Mass. This is neither a prayer nor a greeting but an acknowledgment of faith that, within the liturgy, the person accepts that the priest is acting in the place of Christ (*in persona Christi Capitis*).

PARISH DIRECTORY -- IN THE WORKS!

A committee has been formed to create a new parish directory. Lifetouch will be taking professional photographs of individuals and families for the directory. There is a need for 2 or 3 parishioners to take good quality pictures of Sacred Heart facilities, events and organizations. If you have the time and equipment to help with this please call the office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next Sacred Heart Work Party
is Saturday, August 8th

Two Volunteers are needed for childcare
one of whom must be an adult who has
had "Called to Protect" training.
Please call the office if you can help.



Anyone planning to join **WEDNESDAY WEEDERS**? We will meet on July 15th and then take a break for the last two weeks of July. We return on August 5th to prepare for the Work Party which is scheduled for Saturday, August 8th. Questions? Call BJ Buxton @ 541-772-8292

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.
What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.
Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.
In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.



~Blessed Mother Teresa

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

We need **your** gift for proclaiming the Word! The 5:30 Vigil and Noon Masses are especially short on lectors but all Masses could benefit from more lectors. To learn about becoming a lector, please contact Ann Brophy.

Also, we are in great need of more Eucharistic Ministers at all the Masses. Prayerfully consider that the Holy Spirit may be calling **you** to this ministry, and please say "yes." Just ask any Eucharistic minister: this simple ministry overflows with joy and gladness. You can do it.

Please contact Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org. You could also pick up a "Become a Liturgical Minister" brochure at one of the church doors, fill it out, and put it into the collection basket, leave it at the sacristy, or drop it by the parish office. Thank you!

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. July 13: +Betty Deffley
T. July 14: Caroline Bottroff
W. July 15: +Forest Speiler
Th. July 16: The Sieg Family
Fr. July 17: +Ernie Cooper

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. July 13: Sr. Rosario Daly
T. July 14: Catholic Daughters
W. July 15: +Frank Manfredi
Th. July 16: +Anne Marie Barry
Fr. July 17: +Alvaro Diaz
Sat. July 18: +Theodore Hubbert

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Emil Knutson, Madeline Kosmatka, Bill Schueller, Cynthia Segura, Prudy Marquardt, Don Hogge, Starr Davis, Andrea Ousterhaus, Jonathan Carraway, Trudy Omann, Kathy Steiner, Joan Molatore, Paula George, John, Don & Paul Zeleznik, George Halvorsen, Frank Perez, Justin Berlandi, Sharon Anderson, Marie Casilio, Vicki & Lorraine Harris, Shizuka McCue, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Pamela Demian, Eileen Van Dyck, John Kuchler, Beverly & Dick Handley, Don & Jean Palese, Ramona Rosales, and Gloria Hubbard.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially: +Katherine Saum.

Praying the Our Father

How many times have you prayed the Our Father in your daily life? How often do you really think about or meditate on the beautiful words of this prayer given to us by God to God? Why don't we start now?

Our Father Who Art in Heaven

- God is the Father because He created each one of us. He has thought and willed us from eternity. He unites us and gives us our eternal home with Him. The word "our" unites all men to one Father- God himself, and we pray to Him in common.
- We all have different earthly fathers, but God is the source and measure of all fatherhood.

Hallowed Be Thy Name

- God establishes a relationship between Himself and us since the time of Moses.
- We petition Him not to allow His holy name to be distorted and destroyed in this world.
- Examine our conscience; do we misuse God's name? Are we careful to preserve His holy relationship with us?

Thy Kingdom Come

- We pray for a "listening heart" to discern good and evil and thereby enter the kingdom of God.
- God wants to show us how to pray and we petition a true following and communion with the Lord.

Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven

- What is God's will and how can we do it?
- Since man is created by God, we have knowledge of His will in the depths of our hearts. This is our conscience.
- We ask the Father to draw us closer to Him so His will can overcome our own selfishness, making us capable of spending eternity with Him.

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

- Acknowledges our need for food to sustain us and by saying "our bread", it invites prayer for food for the poor.
- Trust in God to provide for us every day as He fed the Israelites in the desert.
- This is a Eucharistic petition. Pray we will never be permanently cut off from the Bread of Life.

And Forgive Us Our Trespasses As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us

- God is telling us that guilt can be overcome only by forgiveness, not retaliation.
- Forgiving others as God forgives us, out of love, is a challenge every day.

And Lead Us Not Into Temptation

- God permits temptations and trials out of his love for us so that our nature may be purified, transformed and renewed.
- We pray God will stay close and protect us. God Himself tempts no one, but permits temptations from Satan within certain boundaries.
- God is faithful and He will not give us more than we can bear.

But Deliver Us From Evil

- The final petition is for redemption. Only when you have lost God have you lost yourself.
- We pray to be freed from sin. Then we can recognize the essence of evil in all its forms and put God's will ever in our sight.
- St. Paul says, "If God is with us, who can be against us?"

Source: *Jesus of Nazareth* by Pope Benedict XVI

Barbara Ramin

The Power of Joining Together in Prayer

Someone recently asked me if prayer on behalf of others “worked.” We do it all the time, but for what reason? I’d enlarge the question to ask, “Does prayer *together* on behalf of others work?” Two separate questions, which we’ll muse over in this short space.

When I was a young Sister in full habit, I took the bus to Buffalo where my parents were to pick me up at the terminal. They were late because of a traffic accident. As I stood in the window, watching for them, an older man approached me, thrust a five dollar bill into my hand and said: “Here, Sister, pray for me.” I looked at the money, I looked at him, thrust the bill back into his hand, and said: “Keep the money. I’ll pray for you without it. But you need to pray for yourself, and me, too.”

That was the point. The man went on to say he wasn’t good enough. Why would God hear him?

Why do people ask others to pray for them?

- because they are not sure they are on God’s radar
- by asking someone else to pray, the person asking is “off the hook”
- because of the belief that storming heaven will get God’s attention. God may not hear one, but God cannot deny the many, i.e., God’s response depends on us.

As children of a loving God, our intercessory prayer is not an effort to change God or get God’s attention. God is always attentive to us. Then, what are we doing when we pray? When we pray, we come before God with the hope of grasping what is happening in the situations for which we pray with the hope of understanding the mystery of life. When we trust God with our desires for life, the tone and motivation of our prayer changes.

When we come together in prayer, we come united in our conviction that God is greater than our expectations, although what we end up experiencing may surprise us. Unity in prayer is a hall mark of a believing people. Don’t hesitate to ask others to join you in prayer for someone, something.

There’s a phrase I add to my own personal prayers of intercession. It is found in Scripture in various forms and acknowledges that God is God, free, and at the same time devoted to us.

The phrase is “*If it pleases you, Lord...*”

The Letter to the Ephesians (5:10) tells us this very thing: “Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.”

Moreover, we imitate Jesus when we pray for our needs this way, with openness to possibilities beyond our own immediate desires: “The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him. (Jn8:29) and in the garden, before his passion, Jesus prayed “Father, if you are willing, let this cup pass me by; still, not my will but Yours be done.” (Lk 22:42)

Let your prayer of intercession be open handed.

I’ve never forgotten the man in the bus station. As I stepped out the door that day, he called out across the room: “Hey, Sister! I’ll pray for you.” People in the waiting area laughed at the words, but I depended on them.

By Sister Joan Sobala, a Sister of St. Joseph of Rochester, NY. Reprinted with permission from Blessings, the quarterly newsletter of the Sisters. More of Sister Joan’s reflections can be found in her weekly blog at www.ssjfreshwind.blogspot.com.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Attention gardeners: our annual produce sale is planned for Sunday August 16. More info to follow.



The Holiday Bake Sale and Boutique will be on Sunday, November 22, 2015 Crafters.....there are tables for rent. Please call...Louise at 541-776-2441 OR Vincenta...551-608-6081. Participation in both events would be greatly appreciated.

2015 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal Update as of 7/2/15

Sacred Heart Parish goal = \$79,271.47
Contributions/pledges received = \$60,296
76% of goal achieved

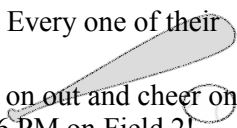
Thank you to the 404 households who helped make this happen! 24% of our households have chosen to participate. On behalf of the many ministries that benefit directly from this very important appeal, we offer our sincerest thanks for your support that will help ensure continuation of vital and wide-ranging programs throughout the Archdiocese. Our parish and school directly benefit from several of the programs.

Thank you for your generous response to 2nd collections in June:
St. Vincent de Paul \$4,543.76
Our Holy Father (Peter's Pence) \$3,165.41

MARRIED COUPLES: It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is a father and mother very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. For information call 503-853-2758 or at www.rediscoverthepark.org for the **August 28th – 30th weekend at Our Lady of Peace retreat house in Beaverton, OR.** Additional dates/locations listed on-line.

ANGELS 2 GAME WINNING STREAK IS OVER

In spite of valiant efforts in offense and defense, the Angels lost to the Master Batters 18-7. The opposing team is aptly named. Every one of their male players is a power hitter. Only a couple of games left. Come on out and cheer on the Angels on Tuesday, July 14 at 6 PM on Field 2!



TEENS, ADULTS, GRANDMAS AND GRANDPAS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

St. Vincent De Paul's annual School Supply Giveaway will be held Monday, August 10 through Thursday, August 13 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Each year SVDP gives free school supplies to children of low income families in our valley. This year we have budgeted to help 4,000 children. We need volunteers to greet families, review applications, pack bags with supplies and hand out backpacks. Bi-lingual help is especially needed! SVDP will provide snacks, food and drinks. Volunteers can take breaks, too.

The event will be held at St. Vincent De Paul's dining room, 2424 Pacific Hwy (99), Medford, Oregon.

To volunteer call Laura Grosz, 541-770-2019 or SVDP 541-772-3828 ext. 1 or email lauragrosz@q.com



Financial Report

	6/28/2015	6/29/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$18,144.23	\$18,055.29
Offertory received current week	\$13,979.18	\$13,656.00
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$924,821.32	\$936,640.00
Needed for Budget	\$943,499.97	\$938,875.07
Over (under) Budget	(\$18,678.65)	(\$2,235.07)

God gives it all, then calls us to share. Thank you for sharing!



MEDIA KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK For KIDS: Amazing Angels & Super Saints (Episode 1 and 2)

Cat. Chat is a Catholic Audio Show for kids ages 3-11 to help them learn and love their Faith like never before! Using prayer, conversations, faith-filled stories, and catchy songs, each CD discusses the Catholic Faith while teaching kids powerful lessons for living out their Faith every day. Join Moses the Talking Cat, Papa, Josh, Hanna, and friends for an unforgettable experience!

Only \$3 each at the kiosk at the back of church.

COFFEE & DONUTS in the Hall

July 12 - 7:00 - Lee and Kris O'Driscoll

8:30 - Emilda Vincent & Chato Snow

July 19 - 7:00 - Paul Stancel 8:30 - TBA

July 26 - 7:00 - Dean Federhart

8:30 - Emilda Vincent & Chato Snow

Come on over after the 7 & 8:30 Mass and enjoy!





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
Two positions could combined for a full- time position

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 for more information about our school.

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



FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Family Vacation Bible School? Isn't VBS just for kids?

This year we will celebrate a cross-generational Vacation Bible school in the evenings so as many people as possible can be involved as volunteers and participants. We want to get a sense of Family in our church. We are God's family and so if you come as a family, VBS can build those relationships and allow for the whole family to be involved in our VBS fun. Instead of just sending your kids to VBS each day the whole family gets to come in the evening!! So if you are looking for some God centered family fun this summer sign your family up for VBS! Or volunteer? There are lots of fun ways everyone can be involved.

Our Sacred Heart Family VBS is at the end of August. **August 24th through 27th.**

For more information please contact Mary Stallard at the parish office ph# 541-779-4661 ext 107 or email mstallard@shcs.org

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO MADE FIRST COMMUNION

Thank you for making family banners as they were lovely hanging on the choir loft rail. They are down now so please come to the Parish Office and pick up your family banner.

Thank you Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

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SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Whitney Compton, Youth Minister: wcompton@archdpdx.org
 Please e-mail her for her Mobil number.

YOUTH MASS at 5PM Sundays! Come 15-20 minutes early, help set up, and check-in with those who you haven't seen during the week!

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:

To receive our e-mail of planned events please contact Whitney.

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS!

For an electronic copy of the Summer Schedule contact Whitney at: wcompton@archdpdx.org.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB):

TOB will continue this week, on Wednesday July 15th from 6:30p-8:00p in the Hall with Chapter 6.

Our Joes Camp was a very successful, enjoyable experience. A letter from the Joes Camp team follows:

Dear Sacred Heart Church & Staff,

I just want to say thank you for sending such wonderful teens and adults to support Joes Camp this year! Everyone was DELIGHTFUL and it was an absolute joy to have everyone come and experience the larger church of Southern Oregon. We love working with you and it has always been a wonderful experience. May God bless you and your ministry!

In our beautiful Jesus,
 Natalie Scott & the Joe's Camp Team