

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44 (110B) SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6
GOSPEL: John 6:1-15



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: What is the significance of the scallop shell when it is used in the baptismal liturgy to pour water on a person's head?

A: After researching more than ten sources, I am sure of only one thing regarding this wonderful question. That is that I cannot give you a definitive answer. All I can do is offer you my best educated guess as to this symbol's significance since even scholars seem to debate it. Our first bit of evidence to consider is the fact that in well established norms in art dealing with the baptism of Jesus, John the Baptist is almost always shown baptizing Jesus while using a scallop shell. One might be tempted to imagine that a scallop shell would be something readily found along the banks of the Jordan River. However, this artistic detail cannot possibly be inspired by the real historic event because scallops are never found in fresh water. It must therefore be understood to be a symbol. If the symbol was adopted early within the Christian movement, then it is likely that it was inspired by pre-Christian sources. This would point to two likely candidates. First, in some cultures, the scallop symbolized the sunset/twilight/death (i.e. the end of something). Early Christian literature taught that as a person was submerged under the water in baptism they figuratively entered the tomb/died with Christ and as they came up out of the water they rose with Him to new life... a changed person. So the scallop as a symbol of dying is possible. The other pre-Christian meaning was one of fertility (i.e. life concealed within the shell). Maybe the idea that baptism brings about new life was a connection people made with the shell. If the symbol came about in later times, there is one other possible connection. In the Middle Ages, the scallop shell was associated with pilgrims...and especially with those pilgrims who

traveled along "The Way" toward Santiago de Compostela in Spain to the tomb of St. James. The scallop became associated with that particular pilgrimage, with St. James and with pilgrimages in general. Pilgrims wore a scallop tied around their necks and used it to drink and eat from and for begging alms. So that aiding pilgrims would not become too much of a burden for the faithful, in begging food pilgrims were only allowed to take what they could scoop up in one shell. Baptism is the beginning of a spiritual pilgrimage through this life with Heaven as our true destination. Any or all of these details together may explain the symbol. What is undeniable is that many Catholic churches, including ours, still make use of this symbol.

Q: Who are the persons being referred to in Genesis 1:26 when God says, "Let us make man in our own image after our likeness."?

A: The teachings on the Trinity that all Christians hold to today came only gradually after much thought and heated debate through the first centuries of the Church. St. Athanasius and other significant patriarchs helped to formulate our belief on the Trinity and significant parts of this belief found their way into the Nicene Creed. Obviously, Trinitarian belief is not part of the Jewish tradition, but never-the-less, looking through the Christian lens of our beliefs we are able to see hints of the Trinity even in the Old Testament. In faith, this should not really come as a surprise because the Bible is the Living Word of God with the Holy Spirit as chief author. Sometimes we see hints of the Trinity in the details of the story. For instance, in the creation accounts, God spoke the word and the thing he spoke came to be and he breathed upon the waters. Here, see God as Father, his word as the Word made flesh and His breath ("Rua") as the Spirit. At other times, the Trinity is hinted at by odd occurrences of grammar. This parishioner has recognized one such occurrence. The "us" and "our" being referred to in the passage is the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Even though this truth had not yet been revealed to God's chosen people, the Holy Spirit insured that the language would express that reality anyway for later generations to recognize.

PARISH WORK PARTY

Yes - it's work but it's also a Party! Why?

Because you will be beautifying Church property!

Please join Father Ken and your fellow parishioners
on Saturday, August 8.



August 8th Work Party Schedule:

8:30AM Mass

9:15 Gather in hall for coffee and snacks

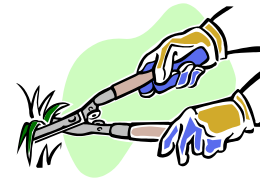
9:30 Blessing from Father Ken

Get work assignments

11:30 Lunch

12:00 Finish work projects

1:00 Clean-up



No child care available.

Please bring your own labeled hand tools, gloves and shovels.

Those who would prefer to work inside can help with preparing lunch
and organizing and cleaning the different areas of the hall.

ST. MAURUS HANGA MISSION

Dear parishioners, I want to thank you very much for being part of the mission work in southern Tanzania. With your donations the surgery unit that began three years ago was completed in April. For the clean water project, pipes for 8 miles have been purchased. Cement for constructing one reservoir is complete. We are in need of more cement to construct a reservoir tank for 4,000 people.

Fr. Ildefonce Mapara, OSB.



(Fr. Ildefonce will offer all English Masses this weekend and will ask for donations for the work of the Mission.)

HEAR YE HEAR YE!

We are organizing a new parish photo directory as we have not had a new one in 5 years. After each weekend Mass, during the month of August, we will be signing up parishioners for photo sessions. Monday through Friday (beginning July 27th) you may sign up by going to the church website: sacredheartmedfor.org



Father Ken is hoping for at least 450 families to sign up so we will have a complete as possible church directory. Each family that has their picture taken will be given a free 8x10 photo and a free directory. Lifetouch does not use strong sales tactics and there are two brochures available, explaining all their services and products so you can decide prior to your photo session what you might want to purchase.

The photo sessions begin in September. If you have any questions please call Marilyn Gradwell at 541-9443985 or Elizabeth Godines (she speaks both Spanish and English) at 541-890-2698.

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

You are invited to attend a Women's ACTS Retreat to be held at St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill, Thursday-Sunday, September 24-27. Space is limited -- fills up quickly! For information, contact Alice Nagel at 541-890-2606. Contact your parish office for a registration form.

FIRST COMMUNION BANNERS

Please come to the Parish Office and pick up your family banner -- thank you!

DOVE BOOK CENTER 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!

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Fr. Andrew Szymakowski from Bend, OR will be presiding at a traditional Latin Mass at 7pm on Sunday, July 26th in Rogue River at Our Lady of the River (3625 N. River Rd., Gold Hill.) All are invited.

COFFEE & DONUTS in the Hall

July 26 - 7:00 - Dean Federhart

8:30 - Emilda Vincent & Chato Snow

Come on over after the 7 & 8:30 Mass and enjoy a cup of coffee and a sweet treat!



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. July 27: +Jo Ann Allen
T. July 28: Chisato Wright
W. July 29: +Edward & Lila Ford
Th. July 30: Jan Sieg
Fr. July 31: +Mildred Spieler

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. July 27: +Mary Wuscher
T. July 28: The Seidl Family
W. July 29: +Janice Gnos
Th. July 30: +Mary Wusher
Fr. July 31: The Savage Family
Sat. Aug. 1: +Bud & +D.J. Large

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Antonio Chavez, Jonathan Cotta, Vincent Oredson, Patty Wittenbock, Mary Ann Hebert, Emil Knutson, Starr Davis, Madeline Kosmatka, Bill Schueller, Cynthia Sugiura, Prudy Marquardt, 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 Palase, Ramona Rosales.

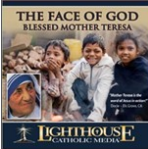
Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially: +Eugene Haag



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.

MEDIA KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK



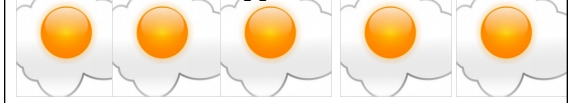
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta is known throughout the world as a woman totally committed to the Gospel. In the first presentation, she explains the infinite value of God's gift of life; in the second presentation, she emphasizes the Eucharist and our call to imitate Christ by loving each other unconditionally. A bonus segment is provided by Dr. Scott Hahn on Understanding the Eucharist.

Come Look at the Kiosk at the back of the church.

Kiosk Cost: Books \$4 CDs \$3 Booklets \$2 Pamphlets 50c Place payment in slot on lower right side of the Kiosk at the back of the church.

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISERS!

Breakfast will be served up in the Hall on Sunday, August 2 after the 7, 8:30 and 10:15 Masses hosted by the Hispanic Community. All are invited to join in on the good food and friendship offered. Money raised will support the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration that happens on December 12.



COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

The Legion of Mary brings Communion to people in hospitals, nursing homes, foster care homes, retirement centers, and private homes. It is a spiritually satisfying task, but a formidable one in a city of this size with an aging population. We need more helpers (it is not necessary that they be members of the Legion of Mary). Training is provided. If you can spare an hour or two a week to help with this vital spiritual work of mercy, please leave your name at the office and we'll be in touch with you.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Attention gardeners: our annual produce sale is planned for Sunday, August 16. The Holiday Bake Sale and Boutique will be on Sunday, November 22, Crafters - there are tables for rent. Please call Louise at 541-776-2441 or Vincenta at 551-608-6081. Participation is greatly appreciated.



Financial Report

	7/12/2015	7/13/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$16,037.10	\$16,378.16
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$36,402.98	\$37,519.18
Needed for Budget	\$35,769.23	\$36,288.46
Over (under) Budget	\$633.75	\$1,230.72

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.

HEALING SERVICE

Saturday, August 1, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass the Priest will offer Imposition of Hands for all who suffer from chronic or temporary illness of body or soul.

CATHOLIC SENTINEL TODAY!

The Catholic Sentinel newspaper is available at the church doors. The newspaper's website, CatholicSentinel.org, offers daily Vatican, world and national news and photographs from the Catholic News Service, as well as news, information, and photos about Oregon's Catholic community generated by the staff. Read and stay informed!

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED? Can you help?



During the week of August 24th through August 27th we are once again having our Family Vacation School. This year I have an awesome team of cooks and helpers from Catholic Daughters, our own Father Martin and a host of super volunteers so we can provide families

with a light supper at 5:30pm before VBS kicks off each evening at 6pm. As this is quite a large undertaking I am asking for donations to help keep down costs down. So over the next month if you could drop off any of the dry goods materials to the office and then let me know if you are able to donate any of the perishable items during VBS week it would help enormously!

Dry Goods Donations - These can be left at the Parish Office or I will leave a tub just inside the Parish Hall door (one closest to the car park)

- *16oz thin spaghetti pasta (I need 10 packets)
- *24oz Hunt's spaghetti sauce (I need 12)
- *15oz tomato sauce (I need 10)
- * large bag of potato chips (I need 6)
- *19oz container of Country Time powdered lemonade (I need 10)

Condiments - These can also be handed in at the office or left in the tub at the Parish Hall)

- *15oz bottle of squeezable ketchup (I need 4)
- *13oz squeezable mustard bottles (I need 4)
- *Costco 20oz bag bacon crumbles (2)
- *16oz or 24oz Ranch Dressing (I need 4)

Perishable Items - These I will need the actual week of VBS but I must know before VBS so I can calculate amounts correctly. These can be dropped off Sunday August 23rd or Monday August 24th 9am – 4pm at the Parish Hall. To let me know you are donating please email me or leave a message on my office phone extension 541-779-4661 ext 107.

- *4 bottles of squeezable butter
- *2lbs of hamburger (I need 3)
- *10 pack bag of hot dogs (I need 12)
- *1 lb bag of baby carrots (I need 5)
- *8 pack bag of hot dog buns (I need 13)
- *6 Seedless Watermelons
- *4 Cantaloupes
- *Grapes (seedless) (4bags)

Please contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office if you have any questions. Ph# 541-779-4661 ext: 107 or email mstallard@shcs.org
Let's make this SACRED HEART FAMILY VBS the BEST EVER!!!!



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Youth Ministry Raffle: AND OUR WINNER IS.... DRUMROLL PLEASE: Pat Mayerle! Thank you for all your support!

YOUTH MASS CALLING ALL YOUTH! Youth Mass happens weekly on Sunday Nights at 5:00.

Youth Mass will be taking place every Sunday this summer. Come celebrate Mass with your family and other youth in our Sacred Heart Church community. Also 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:

July's e-mail is out! If you would like to receive our e-mail please contact Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpx.org.

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

TODAY!!!! July 26, 2015:
Daughters of Victory 10:00a-11:30p

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB):TOB class this week! TOB will continue this week, we will meet on Wednesday July 29nd from 6:30p-8:00p in the Parish Hall with Chapter 8: Marriage. We will begin at 6:30p.

SNW 2015 Participants: We leave Thursday July 30th! Come ready for a focused retreat weekend with our Lord in the EUCHARIST!

XLT ADORATION: NEXT MONTH! More information coming soon! Don't Miss Out On This Awesome Opportunity!



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 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.

FAVORITE BUSINESS?

Do you have a favorite hair dresser or barber? What about a dentist or doctor? Your parish family wants to know about these great businesses too. Please let business owners know that advertising on the church bulletin is affordable, reliable and helps to provide the bulletin at no charge to the church! Whether it be your favorite local business or your own business, our church bulletin is a great place to advertise! For information, call Catholic Printery: 1-800-867-0660. With your help, we can keep our bulletin free of charge.

(P.S. When parishioners call the office asking about a recommendation for an insurance agent or a flower shop we turn to the back of the bulletin first and give them the name and number of our bulletin advertisers first!)

FOOD & FRIENDS provides hot, nutritious meals and a friendly visit to hundreds of seniors in Jackson and Josephine counties. Due to our services, home bound seniors are able to maintain independence in the comfortable surroundings of their own homes.

The demand for meals is growing - delivery drivers are needed in Medford on Fridays, generally between 10 and noon. Mileage reimbursement is available. Call Linnea at 541-734-9505 Ext 4 for information.

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MARRIED COUPLES: 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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Did your abortion, or a loved one's abortion, "change" you? Is there a dividing point in your life: "before the abortion" and "after the abortion"? 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?

This coming September 18-20th there will be a retreat in Bend area 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