



## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 (667) SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12a

### Because You Asked...

Q: One parishioner wrote me of her disappointment in Pope Francis after his recent visit. This sentiment was echoed by several others so I want to take a moment to address it. In this particular case, the writer let me know that they were formerly Protestant and that they are working to overcome that learned instinct to protest and leave a church when such disappointment comes but that the Pope's pro-life stance was not as strong as this person wanted to see in light of Planned Parenthood's recent attempts to sell fetal tissue and organs and with our war on life in general. Others say he similarly missed an opportunity to speak against same-sex marriage or that his views on economics, immigration or the environment were simply unhelpful and/or leftist/socialist/or even communist in nature. How, therefore, should Catholics begin to process or try to receive the Pope's recent message to the US and to the world?

A: Here are a few points I want to make in regard to your particular question:

1. It is first important to consider the source of your news on the Pope and to remember to read or listen with a critical eye or ear. That is because all news sources today in America have a political viewpoint and a particular lens or editorial voice. Most (in the US) currently come from the left and are influenced by the Democratic Party platform but some are also conservative and are more influenced by Republican points of view. It is these latter sources that have been recently painting Pope Francis as a Socialist/Communist/Leftist but the Pope has, at other times been criticized by both the right and the left. It might be helpful to remind ourselves that the rest of the world is not ruled in their thinking by our two party system of government. Also, when directly asked about this perception of him, Pope Francis said his teachings are based on the Gospel and not on politics and if anyone wanted him to recite the Creed he would be happy to do it. The Gospel is, at times "conservative" as it urges us to protect truth and preserve the moral teachings that God has revealed to us. However, at other times it is "liberal" or "progressive" by worldly standards in the sense that it challenges us socially to redistribute wealth to the poor or welcome the immigrant or pardon the criminal. Early Christians in Acts of the Apostles lived in communes, sold everything they owned and shared with all according to need. Does that make them Communists? No, because modern Marxist Communism is also based on an atheistic viewpoint and a belief that the individual has no value outside their functional use to the political mechanism. Christianity upholds not only

faith but the dignity and value of every person regardless of makeup or ability to contribute to society. I guess the lesson is that if the Gospel is being effectively proclaimed it should make all of us a little uneasy or angry because we are all convicted by its truths and challenged to change at times. As the old saying goes, the role of the Gospel is to, "Comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable."

2. That being said, as Catholics, we are not obligated to agree with everything a pope might say. If the Pope is speaking on faith and morals "from the chair" (as an official pronouncement from the Church) rather than sharing his own opinion, we need to obey that teaching. These pronouncements are rare and are often referred to as "dogmatic" teachings. At other times, the Pope engages in what is called "prudential judgment". This means he uses the reasoning from the Bible and our tradition to propose possible solutions to specific modern day problems. His views on the environment would fall into this category. You may disagree with some of his solutions with a clear conscience but his reasoning is based carefully on Catholic social teaching. Taking care of planet Earth should not be such a controversial topic. It is unfortunate how politicized it has become. As for immigration reform, Pope Francis says that it is a human problem first and a political one second. He is simply siding with the suffering and is challenging us to be a bit more welcoming to those in dire need. It is up to us to determine how best to prudently and safely respond to that challenge. Similar reasoning applies to other views he has shared.

3. Finally we should consider the Pope's strategic use of pastoral tone. The Pope did speak against abortion on a number of occasions. I saw him do it live on 20/20. He recognized a homeless woman who had two children. She regretted that she could not provide for them as she wanted. He told her to hold her head up high and commended her for choosing life rather than economic convenience. These kinds of references do not seem to satisfy some however. Many want him to scold or attack with aggression. He feels that kind of tone only destroys dialog. I assure you he is for life but his tactics are what is different from past popes. He does not believe change can come when we simply call names and throw stones.

For those few who were disappointed in the Pope's visit, I hope this helps. Pray for Pope Francis. And if you are not happy with something, the Catholic way is to work for change from within. Ultimately, the answer to the question, "What is wrong with the world?" or "What is wrong with the Church?" is "ME". If we each focus on becoming a saint, we can be the change we wish to see.

*Note: All questions come from parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish or St. Joseph Mission and are presented 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). Father Ken*



## Prepare for the Year of Mercy!

We will host a Divine Mercy weekend

**When: Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8, 2015**

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall/Church, Medford

Our guest speaker will be: Father John Larson MIC. Father Larson is the Superior of the Marian House of Studies in Steubenville Ohio. Father Larson will preach the homily at all English Masses that weekend. He will present 1 hour talks at 10:00AM on Saturday and 7:00PM on Sunday in the Parish Hall. There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3:00PM on Sunday in the Church. Come and see! If you have questions please call Steve Presley @ 541-772-3242. *Jesus i trust in You!*

### ALL SAINTS DAY THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, November 1, we celebrate All Saints Day, in which we honor all who are in heaven with God and pray for us. On Monday, November 2, we will celebrate All Soul's Day, in which we remember all our beloved departed and pray for them. These two Feasts celebrate the Catholic understanding of the Church as the living Communion of Saints – that is, the communion of all the faithful, both living and dead, who form the one Body of Christ. On All Saints Day, we will celebrate Mass with our usual Sunday schedule. On All Souls Day, there will be Masses at 7Am and 8:30 plus a Spanish Mass at 7PM.

Today and throughout the month of November, please take a moment to look at the Scrolls of the Dead by the wall crucifix, inscribed with the names of the deceased of our parish since last November, and to offer a prayer for them. These beautiful scrolls are made each year by Steve Presley. Also, during the month of November, there will be a special book under the Emmaus painting in which to write prayer intentions for your deceased friends and relatives.

“We need saints without cassocks, without veils - we need saints with jeans and tennis shoes. We need saints that go to the movies, that listen to music, that hang out with their friends (...) We need saints that drink Coca-Cola, that eat hot dogs, that surf the internet and that listen to their iPods. We need saints that love the Eucharist, that are not afraid or embarrassed to eat a pizza or drink a beer with their friends. We need saints who love the movies, dance, sports, theatre. We need saints that are open, sociable, normal, happy companions. We need saints who are in this world and who know how to enjoy the best in this world without being callous or mundane. We need saints”.

~ Pope Francis



### KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK

This easy-read pocket book on Mary covers all the major teachings about the Mother of Jesus, but is particularly written for the person who has little or no background knowledge about her.

*Meet Your Mother* is the perfect little book to introduce someone to the life and truth about Jesus' Mother, but also to renew a person's existing knowledge and love for the woman believed to have brought Jesus into the world, and who Jesus gave personally to every human being with his dying words, “This is your mother.”

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

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

M. Nov. 2: +Clemencia Marin  
T. Nov. 3: +Al Hudek  
W. Nov. 4: +Starr Davis  
Th. Nov. 5: The Sieg Family  
F. Nov. 6: +Starr Davis

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

M. Nov. 2: Legion of Mary  
T. Nov. 3: +Julita & +Avelino Lucena  
W. Nov. 4: The Batzer Family  
Th. Nov. 5: +Bonifacia & Fausto Aquino  
F. Nov. 6: +Audrey Buxton  
S. Nov. 7: +Lavel Meunier

**PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish** especially: Grace Hill, Frances Maltoni, Lucy Caro, Mary Harbaugh, Louise Sutch, Judith Rosario, Peg Morgan, Joyce Farrell, Joanne Hafner, Evelyn Bocast, Jonathan Cotta, Patty Wittenbock, Don & Paul Zeleznik, Bill Schueller, Cynthia Sugiura, Ramona Rosales, Trudy Omann, Kathy Steiner, Frank Perez, 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, Millie Zarosinski and Colleen Cantwell.  
**Please pray for the deceased of our parish**, especially: +Joyce Perreault and +David Eric Wright.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of AMERICA  
NOVEMBER MEETING \*\*\* BUNCO!!**

All Catholic women are invited to join us Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We begin in the church at 8:00am with the rosary followed by Mass. We then gather in the parish hall for fellowship and a light snack. Please bring something to share.

Then at 9:30 the FUN BEGINS....BUNCO! This is a fun game with dice and lots of laughs. Please bring a gift card for Magdalene Home and/or St. Vincent Food Bank. Prizes will be handed out for most buncos and wins.

For more information call Regent,  
Connie Moyer 541-773-8736



**A CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS**

All are welcome to experience the anointment of the Holy Spirit manifested during this Mass. Be prepared to be deeply touched by Gods grace and healing.

The Celebrant is Father Odo Recker, Director of Monastic Vocations and Instructor at Mt. Angel seminary. He has been involved in charismatic ministry for over 10 years.

Place: Sacred Heart Church, Medford

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 13, 2015 at 6:45 p.m.

Father Odo will lay hands, and there will be individual prayer available by prayer teams. For more info and possible overnight stay, please call Sandy at 541-944-4659.



"You will receive power, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses"

~ Jesus Christ

**CALLING ALL COUPLES**

If you would like to learn about St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body & Natural Family Planning, a series is being offered, as below:

Saturday, November 8: 1:00 - 5:00 - Theology of the Body workshop at St. Anne's, Grants Pass.

Sundays, November 15, 29, & December 13: 3:00 Natural Family Planning (NFP) course at St. Joseph in Roseburg. These are not repeat classes, but a sequential series of classes.

You may attend either or both the Theology of the Body workshop and the NFP 3-class course.

There is no charge for the Theology of the Body workshop. There is a \$90.00 charge for the NFP course, which includes the kit and materials for the course.

Registration is necessary for the NFP course. To sign up for the NFP course, please call St. Anne's parish office at 541 476-2240 or e-mail Fr. Bill Holtzinger at [wholtzinger@stannegp.com](mailto:wholtzinger@stannegp.com).

**ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS**

A holiday bake sale and boutique will be held Sunday, November 22, 8:00AM to 2:00PM. A booth and small table will be reserved for Altar Society members. Your donated craft and white elephant items will be appreciated. For information call Louise Gorman at 541-776-2441.

We will meet Monday, November 9, and celebrate Thanksgiving. We will discuss upcoming events and enjoy turkey and all the trimmings!

Thanks to all who attended the wreath making session. On Saturday, November 14 at 9:00AM we will have another wreath making session at the Knight's Hall. This is a joint endeavor of the Altar Society and the Squires. Watch the bulletin for more information.



**Financial Report**

	10/18/2015	10/19/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$14,704.90	\$14,038.35
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$266,026.29	\$266,035.20
Needed for Budget	\$286,153.90	\$290,307.69
Over (under) Budget	(\$20,127.61)	(\$24,272.49)
% Over (Under) Budget	-7.03%	-8.36%

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

**COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE**

**Nov. 1:** 7 & 8:30 - Sacred Heart School

**Nov. 8:** 7 & 8:30 St. Vincent de Paul



**Where All Are Welcomed and Loved  
With Mercy - - Day 231**

Ensuring that pregnancies are healthy clearly can have a profound impact on women, children and society at large. Expectant mothers require adequate nutrition and good, accessible prenatal, delivery, obstetric and postnatal care.

*First 1000 Days: A Catholic Culture of Life Initiative*



# Please help us help others in need!



## Do you know about Scouting for Food?

Every November, across the country, in many councils and districts, thousands of troops and packs with millions of scouts involved collect tens of millions of pounds of food which is distributed to needy neighbors. This program started in 1986 and is based on one of Scouting's foundational principles "do a good turn daily."

**Cub Scout Pack 1 of Sacred Heart Church** will be collecting canned food and dry goods to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen. We accept commercially packaged non-perishable food items and appreciate products low in sodium, sugar, and corn syrup. Most needed items include soup, chili, canned meats (tuna/chicken), peanut butter, and boxed meals. **Please no glass items.**

Please bring your donation the weekend of November 14-15<sup>th</sup>. Cub scouts will be at the doors of the Church before all Masses to collect the food and deliver it to the food pantry.



**Thank you for your generosity!  
Bring items to Mass on November 14<sup>th</sup> -- 15<sup>th</sup>**

**If you are interested in joining Pack 1 Cub Scouts,  
please contact Tony Velho at: 541-778-1508**



### PILGRIMAGE!!!

Please join Father Ken Sampson on a Sacred Heart pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic, Austria and Italy in the fall of 2016! We will visit many Holy places, including Rome, in the Jubilee year of Divine Mercy. Our first informational meeting will be held Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 4:30PM in the Parish hall. Space is limited so don't miss out on this opportunity. Please call Beckie Kantor 541-601-4457 or Lillian Lynch 541-779-2139, or email: [bkantor@hotmail.com](mailto:bkantor@hotmail.com) for information.

**LEGION OF MARY**  
Come and observe the Legion of Mary meeting. We meet every Wednesday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall. If this is your calling you are welcome to join us. It is a great privilege to bring Jesus' presence to the Parishioners who can no longer come to Church.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH WILL BE THE LAST PHOTO SESSION DAY

It is important to show up for your appointed photo session as it is now difficult to re-schedule, **however** if you must cancel or have not yet made an appointment, please call Marilyn Gradwell at 541-944-3985 or Elizabeth Godines (bi-lingual) 541-890-2698 to get on the list for a last minute available time slot. Pick up your free 8 x 10 photo (if you did not order other photos) at the church office M-F or on photo session Saturdays at the parish hall. Thank you to those who are showing up for their portrait sessions and to those that are hosting.



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Celebrating 150 years of excellence... with heart

### This week at Sacred Heart, we...

- Conducted an all-school successful food drive for St. Vincent de Paul
- Continued to collect Box Tops and Labels for Education
- Attended a School Fundraiser at Chipotle
- Celebrated Free Dress Wednesday (no uniforms) and eagerly anticipate the evening when school principal Mr. Patrick Gross sleeps on our school roof with purple hair! Both were rewards for surpassing our Jog A Thon fundraising goal by over \$7,000!

**Sacred Heart students** will be hosting Coffee and Donuts after Mass today. Stop by, say hi, and see what's happening in our community's Catholic Elementary school. Look for our red shirts!

**Do you have great gingerbread** making or tree decorating skills to share?

Sacred Heart and St. Mary's School are working on

a joint project to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. We will enter the Gingerbread Jubilee and the Festival of Trees together. If you'd like to participate or donate, please contact Chris Sinclair at 541-772-4105. Meeting times will be after school and on weekends, and you can attend some or all.

### Did You Know?

Jesus taught us to help others in need. Service to others is a core belief for our Sacred Heart teachers and students. Daily prayer, volunteering, food drives, and participating in community events are an important part of our curriculum at Sacred Heart school.

### It's Not Too Early....

If you have a child who will be entering Preschool or Pre-K in the Fall of 2016, or know of someone who does, please contact the school for a tour. We would love to show you what's special about Sacred Heart school.

### NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS

**WEEK** As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations, and teaching young people how to discern God's call, is a serious duty but also a joyful one. Today begins National Vocations Awareness week, which was instituted by the US Bishops in 1976. All Saints Day begins our week - a happy coincidence because a vocation in its fullest sense is our path to heaven and sainthood.

During this week please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life to be open if God calls them to the priesthood or religious life.

### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Come to Our Lady of the River Church, Gold Hill, for a celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Fr. Luan Tran from St. Birgitta's parish in Portland is the celebrant. Bring a dish to share for the potluck that will follow Mass.. For more information please see our website at: <http://southernoregonunavoce.blogspot.com/>.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS 2424 N. PACIFIC HWY.

St Vincent de Paul in Jackson County was started in 1982 with volunteers lead by Lil and Bill Howe at Sacred Heart Church. That same year Our Lady of the Mountain and Shepherd of the Valley volunteers joined forces to form the Rogue Valley District Council. Nothing was done or is done without the inspiration of Jesus Christ working in all the volunteers who serve day in and day out. We need you to help keep this legacy of love and service alive as Jesus asked us. Please answer the call to be an accountant/bookkeeper, kitchen helper, store cashier, shower/laundry assistant, office helper or a counselor. We, and more importantly the needy, need you. Please call 541-772-3828 Ext 7.

### GOING DEEP - OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Father Ken's class is on Wednesdays, 12:30 to 1:30 and 6 to 7PM in the Parish Hall. Question and answer period also. Prepare to learn more about our Catholic Faith!





## SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS!**

Class 8 is Wednesday, Nov. 4th at Sacred Heart Catholic School from 6:00p-7:30p. The Topic: *The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments!* Please arrive on time. Class starts promptly at 6:00p. Weekly youth Mass and youth group remain a requirement. Questions? please contact Whitney Compton.

### **CONFIRMATION BLESSING DATE CHANGE**

Due to Divine Mercy weekend we have a visiting priest on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see next week's bulletin for the rescheduled date/time of the blessing of our Confirmation Youth!

### **ADOPT A CONFIRMANDI IS BACK!**

Adopt a Confirmandi - commit to personal pray for the youth you are assigned throughout the year as the students go through their confirmation preparation classes. Please contact Whitney at [wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.org) with a simple message that says; "I'd like to Adopt a Confirmandi!"



**YOUTH GROUP:** This weekend November 1<sup>st</sup>, EDGE youth group and Life Night is rockin'! EDGE (middle school youth) will meet from 9:45a-11:00a & Life Night (high school youth) will meet 6:15-7:30p. Next week is XLT!

**XLT ADORATION:** NEXT WEEK! on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Shepherd of the Valley Church from 7:00p-8:30p. Edge, Life Teen, and Young Adults join together for Adoration, followed by a social. Parents are responsible for transportation or knowledge of transportation for their teens and are strongly encouraged to stay. There will be a sign in/out form at event for teens that drive themselves with their parents permission. Don't Miss Out On This Awesome Opportunity. XLT takes the place of our weekly youth group therefore, Confirmation Youth are encouraged to attend this event but are not required to attend.

### **YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:**

Our November e-mail will be out soon! Contact Whitney at [wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.org) to receive it.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



We have certain things that give our family special significance. Perhaps it's the family name itself. Perhaps it's a crest or seal or banner that is representative of a clan or family from which we are descendants.

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and in class, we will talk about some of these saints and how their lives inspire and guide us in our own lives. Whether or not you traditionally present your kids with a statue or medal of a saint on All Saints' Day, it's never too late to start. Consider gathering as a family to pick a saint who might be your family patron saint. There are many wonderful men and women whose virtues show us how to live with charity, compassion, and forgiveness as members of a family. Adopt this saint, learn all you can about him or her, and invoke this saint's guidance and wisdom through the years.

Tomorrow is All Souls Day and is a day on which to remember and pray for the souls of the departed. Although the souls of the departed should always be in your prayers, you should get your children to pray for the dead. They should pray for their family members or friends who have passed away, but you can also use this time to teach them about poor souls and why

it's important to pray for them too. Poor souls have no friends or family, so your prayers for them are an act of charity.

Children can, and should, be included in the customs and activities of the day. An activity you can do with your children on All Souls Day is to tell stories about and look at old photos of your departed relatives. This is a nice way to teach your children about any relatives who passed away before they were born, or when they were too young to remember. It will also mean that your children will learn some family stories that they can pass down through the generations.

Religious Education each Sunday at Sacred Heart School in the cafeteria at 9:50am for a whole family Assembly. Then the children go to their classes and we conclude at 11:15am just before the Noon Mass! We have classes Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> 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!!

For questions or queries related to Religious Education, Sacrament Preparation or Called To Protect Training please contact Mary Stallard at the Sacred Heart Parish Office...ph# 541-779-4661 ext: 107 or email [mstallard@shcs.org](mailto:mstallard@shcs.org)



## ADC Dental & Denture Clinic

**Bulletin Advertiser of the Week**

Please thank our Advertisers with your patronage.

