



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:10-16 (155B) SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28
GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

Because You Asked...

Q: Several weeks ago, I attempted to address the subject of “Cafeteria Catholics” (those who pick and choose what to believe in). In my attempt to keep my response brief to this widespread cultural phenomenon and dangerous spiritual practice I tried to offer you all a definition of the phrase “obedience of faith”. In trying to make the point as strongly as I could I offered the explanation given by one of my seminary professors when it comes to either accepting or not the Church’s teachings on faith and morals. In brief, he said that if you accept 99.99% of the Church’s teachings but reject .01% on the basis that you are the final authority then you do not have faith at all but only a very similar opinion to the Church’s teachings. His point (and mine) also was that if you choose to reserve final judgment yourself on such matters, you are actually rejecting the teaching authority of the Church and replacing it with your own (a church with one member who is Pope). One who erred in this way would be trying to exercise “understanding seeking faith” rather than “faith seeking understanding” (which is the classic definition of theology). This brief response inspired a number of follow-up questions, essays and opinions that ranged from discouraged to angry. Therefore, today, I present you with my first follow-up response in a sort of dialog with those who raised concerns. I hope these clarifications will ease some and remove confusion. Also, clearly, I assumed too much in regard to foundational understandings in the interest of keeping my response brief so I hope to now expand on some of those assumptions I had made.

A:

1. Some who were most upset with my response incorrectly understood me to say that all Catholics must blindly accept the personal opinions and personal actions of every pope or person of authority within the Church. Some angrily or otherwise cited the Crusades, the Inquisition, the personal treatment of the scientist Galileo by the Church and also such recent modern scandals as the clergy sex abuse scandal. They asked whether I simply expected all Catholics to turn a blind

eye to these events or to blindly accept anything uttered by a Church prelate without critical thinking (as in “Pay, Pray and Obey”).

1a. My response here is two-fold. First, the idea of the obedience of faith only applies to the teachings of the Church taught infallibly/dogmatically on faith and morals. For example, the Church will always see abortion as a violation of the 5th Commandment (“You shall not kill”). I recently had two “Pro-Choice Catholics” ask me if they could still hold to their personal views on abortion and still be in communion with the Church. Using this example and to put it as directly and plainly as I can, there is no such thing as a pro-choice Catholic. I would call such a person a disobedient Catholic as such a view is sinful and requires repentance. This is an example of where the correct understanding of obedience of faith applies. All life comes from God and is precious so to reject life in the womb is to reject God. Children are always a blessing. This has been taught by Christianity from the beginning and it will always be a part of our faith. Materially contributing to abortion may even be considered a mortal sin which would put a person’s salvation in jeopardy. However, sometimes the Pope speaks using “prudential judgment”. These pronouncements often move from the general to the specific in addressing economic or political challenges such as taxation/investment or immigration. Here the Pope’s opinions are informed by Catholic social teachings so they are based in sound wisdom but the Pope is voicing his own opinion rather than speaking infallibly “ex cathedra” (from the chair). Of course the Pope is not infallible when he makes a stock tip or predicts next year’s Super Bowl winner. However, it is also true that he is not even infallible when he is freely speaking his spiritual opinions on the state of the world, though we would be wise to listen. This charism of infallibility that demands our obedience is only present when he speaks on faith and morals in a particular way with the authority of his office. These types of pronouncements must be in union with all other previous popes and with sacred tradition and sacred scripture and are rarely uttered.

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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. Father Ken

BECAUSE YOU ASKED continued...

1b. The obedience of faith has nothing to do with endorsing the personal behaviors of any pope or other member of the Church. Popes are sinners like the rest of us. However, it is important to keep the distinction clear. The Church does not sin. Members of the Church sin. We are not a private club for saints but a field hospital for the wounded and fallen. The Church is holy because God is holy not because we are. When we look at past or present scandals we recognize sin but the Church retains the ability to be preserved from error in teaching on areas of faith and morals. And I reiterate, Jesus promised that the gates of the nether world would not prevail against the Church. He did not make the same promise to any of us individually. In the ancient words of St. Ignatius of Antioch, "Where the bishop is, there the Church is

also." Stay close to the Church. When the Church proposes something for you to believe and obey we would all be wise to do so since the Church is God's gift to us for our salvation.

2. Finally, my words were not meant to minimize people's suffering when it comes to struggling to follow difficult sayings of the Bible or to discourage those whose faith may not currently be strong. God always encourages. He never discourages. That is the work of the devil. The idea of the "obedience of faith" rather, like the Gospel itself, should call each of us to trust more deeply in God's merciful plan for us and not lean solely on our own understanding. Hang in there and do your best but also, trust in the Church's teachings. "In all ways be mindful of Him and he will make straight your paths."

Father Ken

ALL REGISTERED FAMILIES -- IMPORTANT MAILING COMING YOUR WAY

All registered households will be receiving a mailing next week with the census data that we currently have in our system. Please review the information for accuracy. If critical information is missing, please add it. If something shown is no longer accurate (e.g. address change, phone number change, etc.) please strike it out and, in the same information box, add the updated information.

When you have reviewed the information and made necessary changes, please return the form to the parish office. If no changes are needed, we would still like to get the form back so we know that your information is accurate.

Important Privacy Note: If you do not want your phone number and address published in the upcoming parish directory, please note that on the Family Registration form in the upper left corner. The new system allows us to publish a parishioner's name without the contact information.

Deadline: Please return your Family Registration form by November 23, 2015 so we have enough time to update the directory information.



Your assistance in this project is greatly appreciated.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Nov. 9: Stella Archer
- T. Nov. 10: +Luella Baumgartner
- W. Nov. 11: NO 7AM MASS
- Th. Nov. 12: Isabella Presley
- F. Nov. 13: +Josephine Batzer

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Nov. 9: Altar Society
- T. Nov. 10: Catholic Daughters
- W. Nov. 11: Mary Shaffer
- Th. Nov. 12: +Phyllis Wager
- F. Nov. 13: +Al Hudek
- S. Nov. 14: +Al Hudek

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.

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

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Welcome to the Holiday Season! Our Bake Sale and boutique is Sunday, November 22, just TWO WEEKS away!! Come checkout the display of homemade delicacies that could adorn your Thanksgiving Dinner table. We have **8 different VENDORS** who will be selling their wares. Enjoy coffee and donuts; listen to live music



WREATH MAKING Join us Saturday, Nov. 14, at 9:00 a.m., at the Knights Hall. This is an all parish project so All "Wreath Makers" come forward to help. Supplies will be furnished - just bring your own gloves, clippers/short handled pruners. The Squires will take orders after the Masses, Nov. 28 and 29. Wreaths will be available at this time. For information on these events, call: Louise Gorman---541-776-2441.

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a **mandatory workshop** for all altar servers **on Saturday, 11/14, from 1-2:00 in the church.** It is important for you to attend this workshop not only to refresh your skills but also to learn how to put on and put away the **new altar server vestments** that you will that weekend. If you are unable to attend or have questions, please email Ann Brophy at abrophy@shcs.org. Thank you!



KIOSK CD FEATURE OF THE WEEK

Is mainstream music bad for you? Can hit songs remind you of the things of God? Matt Smith discusses how we as Christians can judge all different types of music to determine whether or not it is going to lead us closer to The Good The True, and The Beautiful... which is ultimately closer towards God.



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

The next photo sessions are Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 14, followed by November 20, 21 and 28. Please show up for your appointed photo session - it is now difficult to reschedule. Please call Marilyn Gradwell at 541-944-3985 or Elizabeth Godines at 541-890-2698 (Liz is bi-lingual) if you have not had your photo taken or if you need to cancel. Remember to 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.



Financial Report

	10/25/2015	10/26/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$16,747.80	\$15,063.70
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$282,774.09	\$281,098.90
Needed for Budget	\$304,038.52	\$308,451.92
Over (under) Budget	(\$21,264.43)	(\$27,353.02)
% Over (Under) Budget	-6.99%	-8.87%

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

Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - - Day 238

According to 2012 figures most of the children living in sub-Saharan Africa were infected by their HIV-positive mothers during pregnancy, childbirth or breastfeeding. Over 700 children become newly infected with HIV each day. Pregnant women living with HIV who receive the most effective drug regimens (as recommended by World Health Organization) prevent mother-to-child transmission of the virus.

First 1000 Days: A Catholic Culture of Life Initiative

COME SEW WITH US!

The Sacred Heart Stitchers will meet on Thursday November 12 and 19 in the Parish Nursery from 9:15-noon. We will be getting ready for the bazaar on November 22nd so bring all your finished items.

Also, we will be displaying our Veteran's quilts at the bazaar. Come join the fun! Any questions? Call Kathy @ 541-773-9805



ATTENTION: SINGLES

Our gathering for October was very enjoyable. We met at Mazatlan restaurant, we shared a meal, conversation, and lots of laughter.

The next, "**SHEPHERDS' SINGLES**" gathering will be on Monday, November 16 @ 6:00pm @ Shepherd of the Valley in the conference room in the church. We will continue discussing activities, and opportunities to assist others. Please plan to attend and bring your thoughts and ideas, you and your input are valuable.

(Ages 35 thru still loving life are welcome).

Contact: Eileen (541) 535-3973 with questions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 15th, scrambled eggs & ham, biscuits & gravy, pancakes and even French toast will be served up in the Hall. Come on over and enjoy with a cup of nice, hot coffee. Cost is \$18.00 per family, \$6.00 adults, and \$2.00 children under 10 years old.



ROSARY SALE - 8AM TO 2PM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Come see what we have! All colors and prices! Last chance to buy that Christmas Gift! Questions? call Bertha at 541-245-6981.



DIVINE MERCY WEEKEND

When: November 7 & Sunday, November 8,

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall/Church

Our guest speaker will be: Father John Larson MIC, will preach the homily at all English Masses this weekend. He will present a 1 hour talk at 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!

EVANGELIZATION INTENTION Pastors

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

UNIVERSAL INTENTION - Dialogue

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman.

--Excerpt from Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Taken from the Apostleship of Prayer website

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERIES

A series is being offered on Sundays, November 15, 29, & December 13 at 3:00 at St. Joseph in Roseburg. These are not repeat classes, but a sequential series of classes.

There is a \$90.00 charge for the NFP course, which includes the kit and materials for the course. To Register, please call St. Anne's parish office at 541 476-2240 or e-mail Fr. Bill Holtzinger at wholtzinger@stannegp.com.

COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE

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

Nov. 22: 7 & 8:30 - Altar Society



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 for information.



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Celebrating 150 years of excellence... with heart

Our sports program at Sacred Heart middle school is thriving! We offer football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, and track to our students. This year, student Emma Schmerbach headed to West Linn, Oregon to compete in the Oregon Middle School Cross Country State Meet. Emma not only placed 2nd in the State, but beat her personal and school record. Grant Russo and Rylan Fox also ran well at State, placing 47th and 139th out of the 309 runners competing. We are proud of our student athletes and coaches!

Sacred Heart and St. Mary's School are working on a joint project celebrating our 150th Anniversary. We will enter the Gingerbread Jubilee and the Festival of Trees together as a joint school adult/child group. To participate or donate, please contact Chris Sinclair at [541-772-4105](tel:541-772-4105). Meeting times will be after school and on weekends, and you can attend some or all.

Did You Know?

Our joint 150th Anniversary with St. Mary's School this year is truly a remarkable milestone. Not many Catholic schools in the nation can claim this honor! The original school was 5 blocks away from St. Joseph's Church in Jacksonville, and opened on Sept. 11, 1865, with 12 boarding students and 33 day students. The Sisters of the Holy Names traveled from Portland on a 360 miles journey to start our Catholic school system here in Southern Oregon.

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.



Please help us help others in need! 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.

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 14-15th**. 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!

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

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!



You are invited to come, pray the rosary at 8:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday. Or you are welcome to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after morning Mass. Pray before, after, or both!

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.





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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS! Classes are in full swing! This Wednesday November 11, 2015, there is NO CLASS because of Veterans Day. See you next weekend November 15th for Youth Mass and Youth Group and November 18th 2015 for CLASS 9!

CONFIRMATION BLESSING – DECEMBER 6th!
THE NEW DATE for the CONFIRMATION BLESSING IS **December 6th 2015.** Parents of youth please plan to attend!

YOUTH GROUP: This weekend EDGE middle school youth group is canceled. All youth are encouraged to attend the Vicariate XLT Event Sunday Evening.

NEXT WEEK

EDGE – November 15 2015: During our Edge morning will we will be talking about the Corporal Works of Mercy: Specifically, Clothing the Naked, please bring with you to youth group any clothing that your youth/family would like to donate to Saint Vincent DePaul!

LIFE NIGHT – November 115 2015: ANNUAL FALL DODGEBALL EVENT! Black Out Dodge Ball! Please come dressed appropriately for mass and bring a change of active clothes for Dodge ball!

XLT ADORATION: THIS WEEK! Adoration will take place for the whole vicariate on November 8th, 2015 at Shepherd of the Valley 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 following adoration. 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. This event takes the place of our weekly youth group (only on the date of November 8th 2015); therefore, Confirmation Youth are encouraged to attend this event but are not required to attend.

ADOPT A CONFIRMANDI IS BACK!

Our Confirmation Youth have begun their classes. If you adopt a Confirmandi you will be committing to personal for the youth you are assigned throughout the year as the students go through their confirmation preparation classes. If you would like to adopt a Confirmandi and pray for that teen throughout the year please contact Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpx.org with a simple message that says; "I'd like to Adopt a Confirmandi!"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dates to Remember

Sunday, November 15 – Let's Learn about the Rosary Day

Sunday, November 22nd – Before Class Catechist Meeting 8am

Sunday, November 22 - Christ The King Sunday

Sunday, November 29th – NO Classes (Thanksgiving)

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Our Sacrament Preparation children are busy learning some of their Catholic Prayers – perhaps you can pray along with them saying these prayers– The Our Father; The Hail Mary; The Glory Be; and The Act of Contrition.

Here is the Act of Contrition that most of the children learn. There is another traditional version that many of the children learn also.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God have mercy.

Amen



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