

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4c-9a (131B) SECOND READING: James 2:14-18
GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35



Because You Asked...

Q: In John 14:28, why does Jesus say that, “the Father is greater than I”?

A: This is a wonderful question that many theologians have pondered over the centuries and I suspect that part of the confusion arises because of our belief in the Most Holy Trinity. We believe that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as three coequal members of the Trinity and are “homoousios” (of the same divine substance). Put more simply, though the three persons are distinctly recognizable, they are at the same time one God. Their difference is primarily relational (one to another) and vocational (i.e. the task that each accomplished in our salvation history). But if the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are coequal as members of the Trinity, how can Jesus say that the Father is greater than he is? I think the answer can be found in Phil. 2:6-11. In this canticle, St. Paul tells us that “Though he [Jesus] was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant being born in the likeness of men.” This self-emptying is a deep paradoxical mystery because as God, the Son was omnipotent but he took on our weakness. He was omniscient but took on the need to learn things. He was life itself and eternal but took on our ability to die, etc. This is part of the mystery of the Incarnation and for these reasons, among others, the great St. Thomas Aquinas maintains that the Incarnation was the greatest miracle God ever performed. It is only because of this mystery that Jesus the Son, in his incarnate form, could say that the Father was greater than he.

Q: What is the Church’s position when so many people upon death elect to be cremated and then ultimately choose to have their ashes spread over some favorite locale?

A: I would like to try to answer this parishioner’s question from both a theological and a pastoral perspective. First, the Church has always taught that the burial of human remains is the proper custom when it comes to funerals. Theologically, this comes first as a result of the example set with Jesus’ own death. He was laid to rest in a tomb from which he rose from the dead. We honor the body because in life it received our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist and served as the Temple of the Holy Spirit and because God the Father created it along with our parents who were co-creators with Him. We also honor it in burial in ground that is blessed because we believe that, like Jesus, our bodies will one day be resurrected in a glorified form reunited with our temporarily separated souls. A human is comprised of both body and soul and Jesus became incarnate not just to save our souls but our bodies as well. And, therefore, we should honor the body that God gave us. That is the theological reason. The pastoral reason is far simpler on a psychological level. While scattering ashes at some beautiful location might seem like a comforting thought it sometimes acts to cheat the survivors of the deceased from completing the grieving process, finding closure, or paying their respects to that loved one in the future by revisiting their grave. All of that being said, just in the case that this parishioner is asking not just in theory but due to the dying request of a loved one I would add this: Not everyone shares in our Catholic faith, including many of our own family members. If they have given instructions to have their ashes scattered, though I would not choose this for myself, I would honor that request from a loved one. Other priests may feel differently but I look to the example of Bl. Teresa of Calcutta. Many of the people she served were Hindus and when they died she had them buried according to Hindu custom rather than in the Catholic manner. This is a final way of showing love and respect for another’s wishes in my estimation. All that being said, for the living who have not yet made their choices final, we owe it to them to encourage a burial plan that is in keeping with our Catholic faith.

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. Father Ken

The Parish Office is closed Monday, September 14, 2015

A TIME WITH THE LORD, AGAIN

Join Father Justus for a fall retreat for all pious groups of Sacred Heart Parish on Friday, September 18 from 10:30 to 4:00 at St. Rita's Retreat Center, Gold Hill. The purpose of the retreat is for Spiritual nourishment as we near the Advent season, and as we make service commitments for the New Year. We wish to set aside a day for the Lord who inspires us to belong to these various groups to serve God's people and the Church.. We will ask Him to nourish our spiritual energy, inspire us, and to bless our individual prayers and families. The groups involved will be: Legion of Mary, Altar Society, Catholic Daughters of America, Hospitality Groups, Rosary Guild, and anyone who wants to spend time away with the Lord that day. Please bring your brown bag lunch and drink. If you have questions please feel free to contact: the parish office 541-779-4661, or call St. Rita's at 541- 855-1333, or Annie Sanchez. Any of these contacts will help you with any question regarding this retreat.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT OUR CHURCH

Sacred Heart Catholic Church seeks a Bilingual Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support, maintenance of parish records, and office reception for the parish office. This is a part time position (16 hrs/ wk) working on Thursdays and Fridays. Primary responsibilities include: Recording and maintaining church sacramental records and parish registration records. Receptionist duties for parish office. Proficiency with a computer including experience with Microsoft Office Suite software and database software with keyboarding at 50 wpm and 10-key by touch. Excellent communication skills (verbal and written) in both Spanish and English. Ability to meet deadlines is important, including the ability to prioritize workload to meet demands. A high level of accuracy and attention to detail with the ability to maintain confidentiality is a must. Legible penmanship is required. High School graduate with three to five years' office support experience. Experience in a Catholic parish or other related entity is a plus. Practicing Catholic preferred.

Send resume and cover letter to Marie Chandler, 517 W. 10th Street, Medford, OR 97501 or email to: mchandler@archdpdx.org.



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 14: +Laura Lee Libby
T. Sept. 15: +Joseph Burboa
W. Sept. 16: Vincente Tapia & daughters
Th. Sept. 17: Stacy Presley
Fr. Sept. 18: The LaHue Family

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 14: Abbot Gregory
T. Sept. 15: Sandra Porras
W. Sept. 16: Michael Burboa
Th. Sept. 17: +Rhonda Wilson
Fr. Sept. 18: Keith & Loretta Thrun
Sat. Sept. 19: +Paul Jadwisiak

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Peg Morgan, Joyce Farrell, Joanne Hafner, Evelyn Bocast, Peyton Hadley, Jonathan Cotta, Patty Wittenbock, Mary Ann Hebert, Emil Knutson, Madeline Kosmatka, Don, John & Paul Zeleznik, Bill Schueller, Cynthia Sugiura, Ramona Rosales, Jonathan Carraway, 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: +Joan Molatore, +Luella Baumgartner, +Starr Davis, +Albin Hudek, and +Myra Rogers.

MAKE OUR DIRECTORY COMPLETE WITH YOUR PICTURE IN IT!

We're moving closer to our goal of getting our parish directory together. You can have your picture in the directory without listing your address and phone number so if that is holding you back, come on and sign up! You can sign up now only by going on-line at sacredheartmedford.org Portrait sessions are October 16 & 17, 23-24 (mostly filled); November 6-7 and 20-21 & 28 (on weekdays from Noon until 7:30pm and Saturdays from 9am-5pm). If you have any questions or need help signing up online call Marilyn Gradwell at 541-944-3985 or Elizabeth Godines (she speaks both Spanish and English) at 541-890-2698. Thank you to those who are showing up for their portrait sessions and to our able hosts who welcome you!

Patricians/A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

We meet on the 3rd Monday - Sept. 21st @ 9:30AM in the Parish Hall Our topic is "Who are the new Atheists? Why do they want to erase faith?" Father Justus is our Spiritual Director.

OLD TESTAMENT STUDY OF CATHOLIC TEACHING ABOUT SCRIPTURE

A two weekend in-depth course at Shepherd of the Valley, Central Point, presented by Fr. Mike Walker September 25-26 & October 2-3, Fridays 6:00-9:00 p.m. Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sponsored By: Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon- Ministry Formation Office Southern Oregon Vicariate Registration to: Marty Edinger 541-821-5178 or martywwsor@yahoo.com

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Please join us Monday, September 14 in the Parish Hall with Rosary at 10:30AM, followed by our business meeting/pot luck at 11:00AM. Salad greens provided, bring salad ingredients or your favorite dish and your own place setting.

GET OUTSIDE AND ENJOY THE CLEAN AIR!

Wednesday Weeders will meet Wednesday, Sept. 16th and will not meet again till October. Join us and meet some wonderful people and help to beautify the grounds of the church.

Financial Report

	8/30/2015	8/31/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$15,350.32	\$16,468.66
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$145,936.26	\$149,150.21
Needed for Budget	\$160,961.56	\$163,298.08
Over (under) Budget	(\$15,025.30)	(\$14,147.87)

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.



KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK

How to Apply our Faith to our Families

Well-known speaker and author Kimberly Hahn is the mother of six children. With simplicity, grace, and wit, she shares her personal experiences and practical insights on how to apply the truths of our Faith to everyday life. In this stimulating talk, she offers rich food for thought and concrete ways to let the Lord be the top priority in our family's daily life.

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

CURSILLO A CATHOLIC MOVEMENT

Cursillo is a movement of the Church that promotes Catholic ideals, fellowship, and spiritual growth in daily living. The Cursillo Movement is hosting encounters. For men, Oct 15-18 and for women, Oct 22-25, 2015 at St. Rita's Retreat Center, Gold Hill. For information, contact Don Zimmerer 541-535-7404 or Joe Schaecher 541-664-7787, jwschaecher@msn.com Brochures, applications, and information available online at www.natl-cursillo.org/portland/.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Please join us this Sunday, Sept. 13, for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite at 6:00pm at Our Lady of the River (3625 N. River Rd., Gold Hill, OR 97525). Fr. David Jaspers presiding.

Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 182

"Unfortunately, in our own time ... there are many powers and forces that end up producing a culture of waste; and this tends to become the common mentality. The victims of this culture are precisely the weakest and most fragile human beings — the unborn, the poorest, the sick and elderly, the seriously handicapped, et al., -- who are in danger of being 'thrown away', expelled from a system that must be efficient at all costs." *Pope Francis*

First 1000 Days: A Catholic Culture of Life Initiative

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC?
RCIA BEGINS THIS TUESDAY!**

During the summer months, many of us journey near and far to see new places and discover beautiful vistas. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an exciting journey too – of faith! You may have already been attending Mass for years as the spouse or friend of a Catholic, or be someone whose quest for Truth has led you here. Perhaps you have older children who are not yet baptized. Whatever the case, RCIA is the process by which persons from many faith journeys come together to learn and consider becoming fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Is this you, your child, or a friend?

- * Adults and children seven and older who are not yet baptized.
- * Adults baptized in other Christian churches.
- * Baptized Catholic teens and adults who have not yet received their First Communion.
- * Baptized Catholic adults who wish to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Weekly RCIA sessions for adults, teens, and older children begins
this Tuesday, September 15, in the parish hall.**

Adults meet from 6:30-8:00; children and teens meet from 7:00 – 8:00.

At these informal and friendly sessions, you'll become acquainted with the Catholic faith and our parish community. For information or to sign up, please contact Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org. We are looking forward to welcoming you!



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
SCHOOL NEWS 150 YEARS!**

Sacred Heart Catholic School commemorates 150 years of quality

Catholic education in the Rogue Valley. We begin celebrating our 150th year with a very special Mass by Archbishop Alexander Sample on Monday, September 14 at St. Mary's High School gymnasium. Our entire school family is looking forward to paying tribute to those who gave so much to our faith and to education. As we celebrate, we will be thinking of our mission to provide **“an excellent academic education grounded in Catholic religious values and principles, thereby creating a lifelong love of learning and a respect for all people and creation as gifts of God.”** If you or anyone you know is considering a K-8 Catholic education for this upcoming school year or next, please visit us or call 541-772-4105. Limited spaces are still available in some classes this year.

Did You Know?

We will be implementing a mobile computing initiative this year for students, designed to improve access to resources and engagement. Many schools across the country are embracing mobile computing in the classroom, and we are glad to be able to offer this to our students.

Beautification Project

Thanks to our community's auction generosity, we are in the process of Implementing Phase 1 of our playground/grounds beautification project. Volunteers, along with Mr. Alvarez, worked hard this summer to make our school gleam, sparkle, and provide security for our students.

**Thank you to all for your commitment
to Sacred Heart School.**

CLASS WITH FATHER KEN

Father Ken will be offering a class on our Catholic Faith. The class begins this month - Wednesday, September 23. The times have changed this year. Class is offered 12:30 to 1:30 and 6PM to 7PM. Father Ken likes to change things up!

ROSARY SALE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Rosaries made by the Rosary Guild, will be on sale from 8AM to 2PM next Sunday. Many choices, many colors. Come and see. We do repairs and special orders. Call Bertha at 541-245-6981

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

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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: To receive our e-mail contact Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpx.org. This month we are headed to XLT for our spiritual event (Adoration). **THIS SUNDAY SEPT. 13th 2015!**

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION: According to the Archdiocesan policy each youth **MUST SUBMIT** a new and updated registration packet. If you wish to continue attending youth ministry events please turn in a new registration packet to the office or Whitney Compton. If you have any other questions please contact Whitney via e-mail.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Last day to Register for 2015/2016! TOMORROW MONDAY Sept 14th 2015 Confirmation Registration will close. The first Confirmation Class is on Wednesday September 16th 6:00-7:30p

CONFIRMATION CLASS! Class begins this week with a mandatory **parent and youth** meeting along with the first lesson! Confirmation Class will take place at Sacred Heart Catholic **School** on Ivy and 11th St., in the Music Room this Wednesday September 16th from 6:00p-7:30p. We will start *promptly* at 6:00p. Please note: Parking may be hard to find (there is also a school event that evening. Please consider parking in the Church parking lot and walking over). Schedules, books (parent/sponsor guides & the student workbook), and information pertaining to this year's confirmation will be given out. Please be sure to have at least one parent attend with their teen(s).

XLT ADORATION: Sunday, September 13th, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 7:00p-8:30p. Edge, Life Teen, and Young Adults are invited to join us for Adoration. Following Adoration there will be a social that takes place from 8:30p-10:00p. This event is 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 drive themselves with permission of their parents. Don't Miss Out On This Awesome Opportunity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CLASSES begin SUNDAY, September 27, 2015
Time: 9:50am-11:15am
Where: Sacred Heart School.

Classes are held between 8:30am and Noon Masses Registration Forms were mailed out to all families registered last year. If you are new to the parish or would like to enroll your child this year Registration Forms are available at the Parish Office and the doors of the church.



SACRAMENT PREPARATION 2015-2016

First Reconciliation & First Communion
Classes begin September 30th, 2015



If your child is baptized; in grade 2 – 5; in their **2nd consecutive year** of Religious Education or attends Sacred Heart School and your family are registered members of Sacred Heart they may be eligible?

Classes are held on **alternating** Wednesdays evenings 6 – 7pm

To check on all eligibility requirements please contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office ph# 541-779-4461 ext: 107 or mstallard@shcs.org

Here I Am, Lord!

Answering the call of the Church to become a catechist – or to continue to persevere in the work you have already been doing – opens your life to a powerful outpouring of grace. All resources are provided and each grade level follows our “**Call To Faith**” program with easy to follow teacher guides and children's books. Please come and help us make passing on our wonderful Catholic faith a priority in our parish!! Call me today..I am anxious to hear from you!!

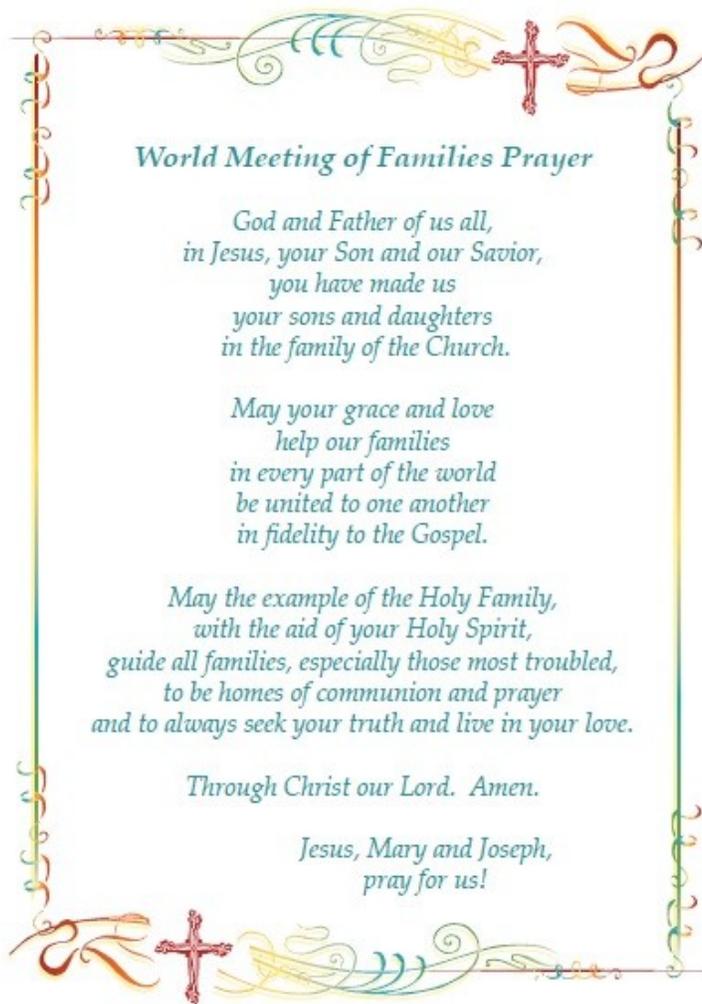
Contact Mary Stallard 541-779-4661 ext: 107 or email mstallard@shcs.org

***Congratulations to the Monday Rosary Guild Members!
Catholic Daughter \$110 Raffle Drawing Winners for September!
Join in on the fun and buy your raffle ticket today! Call Bertha at 541-245-6981.***

**HOSTING/AKA ENJOYING
FELLOW PARISHIONERS
COMPANY!**

YIKES! We need even more folks than previously stated and the phone lines aren't ringing at my house. Your help please! We have double photo sessions for September 25 & 26 thus we need 8 more hosts for these 2 days. I have not a single soul signed up for November 21 & 28 and there are a few holes on other days too. It's a two hour job where you get to sit down and be pleasant to all those you encounter! The work is easy, you greet arrivals and verify their correct address and phone number. Book your hosting session Monday-Friday from Noon until 7:30pm and Saturday from 9am-5pm. Please call Mary Jo Baich 541-734-327 and lend a hand to your parish. Thanks to those who have called and especially to those wonderful folks who have taken more than one hosting session!

PLEASE Join the Legion of Mary in taking Communion to those who cannot come to Mass. The Legion meets every Wednesday after the 8:30 Mass. Call the office to volunteer.



ATTENTION: SINGLES

"THE SHEPHERDS' SINGLES" will have our 2nd group gathering on Monday, September 21st @ 7:00pm in the conference room in the church, at Shepherd of the Valley. We will discuss activities, opportunities to assist others, ground rules and many more topics. Please plan to attend and bring your thoughts and ideas. Ages 35 thru still loving life are welcome. Call Eileen Shingle (541) 535-3973 with questions.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL
"INTO THE HEART OF THE CUP"**

SHCS GOLF TOURNAMENT

on Friday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m. shotgun start at Eagle Point Golf Club. Cost is \$500/foursome or \$135/player. See entry form on our school website: www.shcs.org Golf ball drop tickets for \$5/each! One LUCKY winner will win \$1,500 in cash or \$1,500 SHCS tuition!!! Thanks for your support.



DOVE BOOK CENTER

Owner Louise Wall is happy to announce she will not close her store permanently, as previously planned. She will remain at the current location on a small scale. Louise is thankful to assist Habitat for Humanity, by turning over a large portion of the store to be used as an off-site office as they begin to build new housing for those in need in Rogue River. Please keep Louise & Habitat for Humanity in your prayers as they enter this new "mission".

COFFEE & DONUTS

September 13

7:00 & 8:30 - Spanish Breakfast Fundraiser (no Coffee & Donuts)

September 20

7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom
8:30 - TBA



September 27

7:00 & 8:30 - Spanish Breakfast Fundraiser (no Coffee & Donuts)