

## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 (134B) SECOND READING: James 3:16-4:3  
GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37



### **Because You Asked...**

Q: Please explain the names of the various things in the sanctuary seen during a typical Mass.

A: During a high Mass where all the “bells and whistles” are called upon, a typical procession would be led by incense. The swinging device that contains both lit coals and incense is called a “thurible” and the server or deacon that swings it is called a “thurifer”. The incense calls to mind both the meeting tent of Moses and the original Jewish Temple of Jerusalem where an altar was always kept before the Lord with incense burning. The rising smoke was meant to provide both a wonderful aroma of sanctity a symbolic sign of our prayers rising to Heaven along with the rising smoke. The incense is followed by the “crucifix” and the server who carries it in is known as the “crucifer”. The crucifix is like our Christian flag and it calls to mind every disciple’s obligation to follow in the Way of the Cross. The crucifix represents Christ himself and so the crucifer never bows or genuflects. After the crucifer comes the candles or torches. They are carried by servers known as “lucifers”. Yes...the devil’s original name (which was “light bearer”). The flame calls to mind the light of faith and that we walk by faith and not by sight. They should only be present in the procession if the Book of the Gospels follows. This is usually lifted on high with honor, since like the crucifix, the Book of Gospels represents Christ himself. The “Book of Gospels” is different from the “Lectionary” of daily Mass because the lectionary contains all readings while the Book of Gospels only contains the Gospel readings (i.e. the words of Jesus). It is carried in by a deacon when one is present or by a “lector/reader” when the deacon is absent. It is placed upon the altar and processed in honor during the Mass. If the church does not possess a Book of Gospels but only a Lectionary it is never supposed to be processed. One final thing about this special book. It is never supposed to be carried out at the recessional at the end of Mass. Why? That is because hopefully you have internalized its wisdom and are able to go forth and proclaim it yourself...in effect becoming a living Book of Gospels. What else do we see in the sanctuary? If a bishop is present you should also see a “miter” (a bishop’s pointed hat which is inspired by the Old Testament headgear worn by the priest) and a “crosier” (the bishop’s shepherd’s staff which was used as both a weapon to keep predators from the flock and as a rescuing device where the length and curve could be used to free lost or injured sheep). You also

see an “ambo” (podium for reading sacred readings) and “celebrant’s chair”. These both belong to the bishop and are on loan to the clergy assigned to serve in each location as they are called to share in the work of the bishop, who is head shepherd. Finally, there is the “tabernacle” and “tabernacle candle/light”. The tabernacle is a container for the unreceived but consecrated Eucharist and it is intended to be held in reserve for the sick that were unable to be present to share in the meal. Early forms of tabernacles were often covered with a tent-like cloth calling to mind the meeting tent of Moses when God chose to dwell in a tent within the camp of the people. The candle that accompanies it (which in modern times is generally encased in red glass) is intended to recall the column of smoke by day and fire by night that remained outside the meeting tent whenever Moses went there to speak with God “face to face”.

Q: What is the spiritual risk to the so-called “Cafeteria Catholics” who pick and choose what they believe regarding authentic Catholic teaching? In your estimation, is this a common problem?

A: I once had a seminary professor who asked our class what the difference was between having faith and not having it. The answer he gave was “one difference of opinion with the Church.” He said that if you accepted 99.99% of what the Church taught but chose to reject the other .01% you did not have any faith at all. All you had was a remarkable coincidence where two side-by-side positions were very similar. By accepting only 99.99% you are rejecting the teaching authority of the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in favor of your own. In effect, you would be making yourself the pope of your own church, population one. The demands from each of its faithful members the “obedience of faith”. This means accepting all 100% of what the Catholic Church proposes for our belief through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition as authentically interpreted by the Magisterium of the Church. What is the greatest risk we run when we reserve final judgment to ourselves? It is very rare for a heretic to stop at one rejection. A slippery slope is opened up that can easily cause us to lose our way or even lose our salvation. So stick with the Church when you are confused or are having difficulty accepting teachings. Submit your will and be humble. Jesus promised that the gates of hell would never prevail against his Church. He did not make that promise to any one individual.

*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](mailto:hearttoheart.ks@gmail.com). Father Ken*



**MAKE OUR PHOTO DIRECTORY COMPLETE!**

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 signup! Sign up on-line at [sacredheartmedford.org](http://sacredheartmedford.org) Portrait sessions are **MONDAY, October 12** noon to 7:30, October 16 & 17, 23-24 (mostly filled); November 6-7 and 20-21 & 28 (weekdays from Noon to 7:30pm and Saturdays from 9am-5pm).

If you have 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!

**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. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Medford, OR 97501 or: [mchandler@archdpdx.org](mailto:mchandler@archdpdx.org).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store turned donated items into enough cash last year to equal almost half our annual budget for the services we provide in Jackson County. It was accomplished by the grace of God and the hard work of over 100 volunteers working six days a week and sometimes on Sundays in the store. With over 300 volunteers overall, we always are in need of people to help in the store, kitchen, pantry, social services, office, shower and laundry facility as well as home visits groups in Ashland and the rest of Jackson County. We are all volunteers and we hope you will consider joining us in being the Body of Christ by serving others. Please call 541-772-3828 Ext 7.



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

- M. Sept. 21: +Constance Mendolia
- T. Sept. 22: Souls in Purgatory
- W. Sept. 23: +Maxine Collyer
- Th. Sept. 24: +Laura Lee Libby
- Fr. Sept. 25: +Fermina Cardenas

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

- M. Sept. 21: Tommy & Joan Bain
- T. Sept. 22: Herb Dellapenta
- W. Sept. 23: The Naumes Family
- Th. Sept. 24: J Ray
- Fr. Sept. 25: The Naumes Family
- Sat. Sept. 26: Father Manuel Becerra

**PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish**

**especially:** Judith Rosario, Peg Morgan, Joyce Farrell, Joanne Hafner, Evelyn Bocast, Peyton Hadley, Jonathan Cotta, Patty Wittenbock, 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.

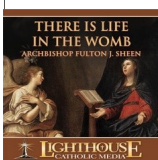
**Please pray for the deceased of our parish,**

**especially:** +Joan Molatore, +Luella Baumgartner, and +Starr Davis.

## HOSTING FOR PHOTO SESSIONS

**Folks are Calling to Host Photo Sessions, but I still need exactly 14 of you to call. Would you give a girl a hand, please?** 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 Fridays from Noon until 7:30pm or Saturdays from 9am-5pm. Please call Mary Jo Baich 541-734-3274 and lend a hand to our parish project. Thanks to those who have called and especially to those thoughtful folks who have taken more than one hosting session! You are wonderful and appreciated.

### KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK



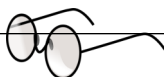
**There is Life in the Womb**  
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen explains the Church's teaching on life from a philosophical and historical perspective.

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

### Patricians/A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

Please join us on the 3rd Monday - ( Sept. 21 at 9:30 a.m.) 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.

### FATHER KEN'S CLASS BEGINS



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

Prepare to be enlightened!

### MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Just as you celebrate Labor Day at the end of summer, you can also celebrate your Marriage by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. It's a positive, simple, common sense private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes marriage. A **WWME** weekend renews the romance and excitement you experienced during your dating days. For information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at [www.rediscoverthepark.org](http://www.rediscoverthepark.org) for the **Oct. 2nd - 4th weekend at Powell Butte Retreat Center** near Bend. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

### ROSARY SALE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

### Financial Report

	9/6/2015	9/7/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$18,392.71	\$20,479.08
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$164,328.97	\$169,629.29
Needed for Budget	\$178,846.18	\$181,442.31
Over (under) Budget	(\$14,517.21)	(\$11,813.02)

Thank you to the parishioners who are using online giving. 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.



*"Make sickness itself a prayer."*

~ ~ St. Francis de Sales

### Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 189

"The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right -- it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society." *Pope Benedict XVI*  
*First 1000 Days: A Catholic Culture of Life Initiative*



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

We celebrated a very special Mass together with St. Mary's High School, with Archbishop Alexander Sample on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. When our Archbishop asked a question about what we do with the cross during Good Friday Mass, student Noah Snyder raised his hand in confidence and answered, "We kiss the cross!"

**School Speak**

We have implemented a new central communication hub this year customized to meet parents, students, and faculty needs. Relevant information for each member of our school will be available. Parents will receive regular communication from teachers and the school on activities, important dates, grades, and important announcements. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive!

**Sports**

While our Sacred Heart Knights football team prepares for their upcoming season, their helmets are getting an update that you might be curious about. New stickers are being put on our Knights helmets that reflect the school's history. More details about this in our next week's bulletin.

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

**DID YOU KNOW** -- It's easy to help out Sacred Heart School. In the back of the church there is a **NEW LARGE ENVELOPE** on the SHCS bulletin board where we collect Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. **There are pictures of products where either Box Tops for Education or Labels for Education can be found on the envelope.** It's amazing how much our school benefits from these. Please remember to clip the Box Tops off of products you may have at home and Labels for Education. Make sure the UPC is included for the Labels for Education. Some products that participate in Labels for Education may not say Labels for Education near the UPC, but still cut it out anyway. The UPC code can be looked up by our Box Top/Label for Education Coordinator. Thank you for taking the time to collect these for our school.

**Men's & Women's Cursillo Weekends**

**Men's Weekend is Oct 15-18, 2015**

**(Thurs. 6 p.m. – Sun. 6 p.m.)**

**Women's Weekend is Oct 22-25, 2015**

**(Thurs. 6 p.m. - Sun. 6 p.m.)**

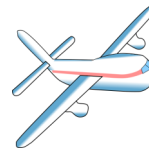
Held at St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill, OR  
(on I-5, 17 miles N. of Medford)

A Catholic Cursillo weekend is for Catholics, 18 years and older, who are able to receive the Sacraments.

The spiritual directors are Father Karl Schray & Father Bill Ryan, OSA.

A series of talks will be given by the priests and laypersons, helping you to know Jesus Christ and live your faith in a more personal way.

Each day we have spiritual meditations and the Holy Eucharist, joyful fellowship and wonderful meals in a comfortable setting. For information, call **Mary Griffin at 541-269-1037 or Fr. Bill at 541-863-3271 or Mike & Lucy Davis at 503-608-2849.**



**PILGRIMAGE!**

Please join Father Ken Sampson and fellow parishioners on our 2016 Pilgrimage to Poland, Austria, Czech Republic and Italy.

There will be an informational meeting on Saturday, Nov 14th in the Parish Hall. You don't want to miss this incredible trip. For more information, contact Beckie Kantor at: 541-601-4457 or at [bkantor@hotmail.com](mailto:bkantor@hotmail.com) or Lillian Lynch at 541-779-2134.

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### 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**

**YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:** If you would like to receive our September e-mail please contact Whitney Compton at [wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.org). Friday, September 25, we are headed to Lava Lanes for Cosmic Bowling! Join us! We will arrive about 10:15PM and bowl till 1AM!! Cosmic!!

**YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION:** According to the Archdiocesan policy it is required for youth ministers to receive (for each youth) a new and updated registration packet. If you were registered last year and wish to continue attending youth ministry events next year 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 CLASS!** Classes are in full swing! Our second class is this Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic School from 6:00p-7:30p. The Topic is *God as the Source*. Please arrive on time. The class will start promptly at 6:00p.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Begins next week on September 27<sup>th</sup> 2015. Edge (middle school) will take place from 9:45a-11:00a. Life Night (high school) will take place from 6:15p-7:30p!

**ANNUAL YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER:** Our annual youth ministry fundraiser is coming soon! This year's spaghetti dinner will take place on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. It is going to be a hug sell out event again so make sure to get your tickets! Tickets are on sale after all masses on the weekends of September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**It's Not Too late.....** Religious Education Classes for children Preschool -- 5<sup>th</sup> begins Sunday September 27<sup>st</sup> at **Sacred Heart School**. Please come and join us for a new, exciting fun filled year of Catholic



Faith classes. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or at the School on Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> and each Sunday until October 30<sup>th</sup>. The School cafeteria will be open for coffee and snacks at 9:30am. At 9:50am we begin with a group prayer session, followed by attendance. Then the children assemble and depart for classes as a class group at 10am.

Classes are 9:50 to 11: 15am so it fits in perfectly with Mass times at the Church either 7am; 8:30am or 12pm!!

### TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!



#### **Sacrament Preparation** **First Reconciliation & First Communion**

Sacrament Preparation classes begin Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup> and then registration closes. Please contact me as soon as possible if you want your child to be included in this year's program.



Any questions or for further details contact Mary Stallard at Sacred Heart ph# 541-779-4661 ext 107

### 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](mailto:mstallard@shcs.org)**

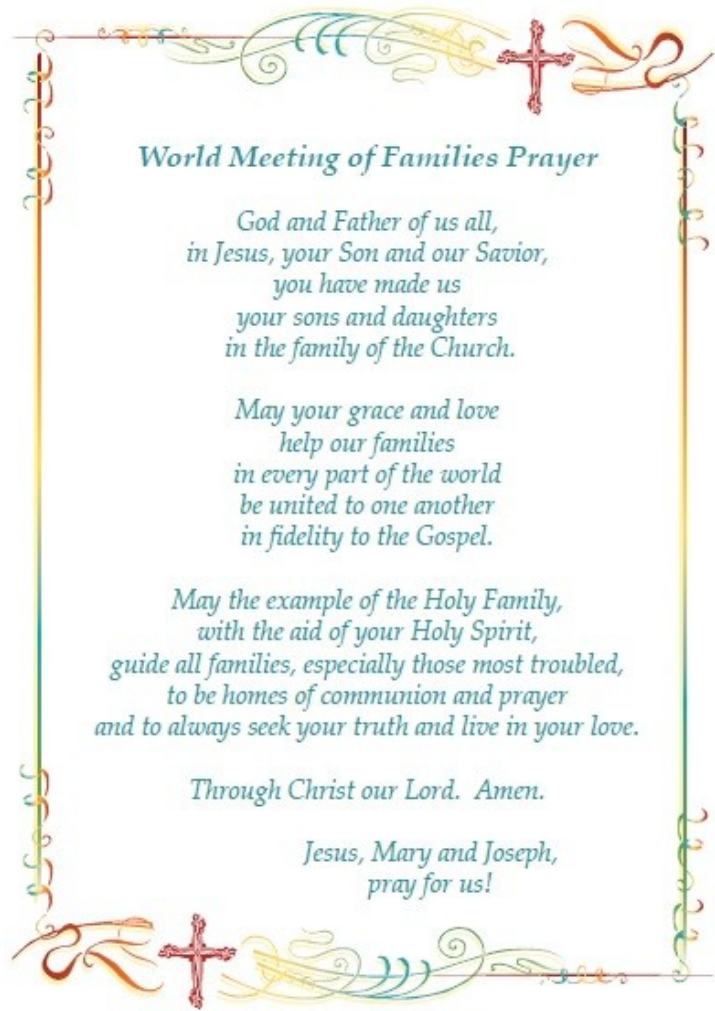
**SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING**

The local Secular Franciscan Fraternity will be meeting every third Sunday from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room. If you are feeling the tug to enrich your faith journey to Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, you are welcome to come and see.

**FOOD AND FRIENDS  
SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM**

This "Meals on Wheels" program is provided for homebound seniors (60 years and over). Hot meals are packaged and delivered by a team of volunteers. It takes about one to one and a half hours per week 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mileage is reimbursed. Call 541-664-6674 for information.

**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.

**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

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

**September 20**  
7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom  
8:30 - TBA

**September 27**  
7:00 & 8:30 - Spanish  
Breakfast Fundraiser  
(no Coffee & Donuts)

