

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a (128B) SECOND READING: James 2:1-5
GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37



Because You Asked...

Q: I can't understand what is being said in Church, so I just sit there and pray the Rosary. Am I still required to go to Church?

A: Pastorally, I am concerned with the sentiments expressed in this question because it sounds like the experience of the Mass has become an empty and unfulfilling one for this parishioner when it should rather be a source of renewal, encouragement and joy. I am left with a question of my own however. Why can't this person understand what is being said. I can think of only two possibilities. The first possibility is related to a hearing impairment. If this is accurate, I want to encourage this parishioner to call our parish office and inquire about our hearing assistance equipment. I continue to hear glowing responses about this feature of our new sound system. One person told me that for the first time in over ten years they are once again able to hear the Good News! The second possibility might be that the parishioner is unable to understand the accent of one or more of our priests. More and more today, our local clergy is becoming more international just as the general population is. English speakers are being forced to learn Spanish and Spanish speakers are being forced to learn English. Some of our clergy from Africa and Asia, who already speak 3-4 languages, are taking on the additional challenge of learning both. And yet, because we clergy are limited and human, sometimes more accent reduction work is needed from us. All I can say is, as a listener, do the best you can. Read along from the worship guides. If your comprehension of what is being said is still less than complete, are you somehow "off the hook" and allowed to stay home? NO! There are no conditions that God added to the third commandment of keeping holy the Sabbath day and, assuming you are not dying of illness and have transportation, you should strive your best to attend and participate in the Mass as you are able. And as I said in one August homily, if you feel like you "are not being fed" because you judge the preaching or the music or the liturgy in general to be poor or not up to your preferred standards, you are still being fed by the Eucharist. Jesus said, "My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink". I have attended Mass in many foreign countries and still felt a

connection with our Lord in that sacramental sense and by reading along where I was able. Hang in there.

Q: I know that members of lay associations affiliated with religious orders in the Catholic Church are sometimes referred to as oblates but they are also sometimes called tertiary members or members of the 3rd Order. What are the 1st and 2nd Orders? Please explain.

A: These terms are part of the canonical language of the Church but they also have an historical basis. The 1st Order refers to male, consecrated religious, the 2nd Order refers to female, consecrated religious and the 3rd Order refers to lay associations connected with the various religious orders. The latter group is sometimes referred to as "oblates" (as in "oblation"/burnt offering pleasing to the Lord) [e.g. Benedictine Oblates]. While this terminology may sound overly hierarchical or even sexist to some ears its primary reference is to the historical beginnings of each according to their chronologically order of existence. Due to the severe penances often involved with religious life and the sufferings associated with a life of poverty, religious life was originally thought to be too physically demanding on women to even consider taking it on. Originally, therefore, religious life was reserved to men (therefore...1st Order). Later, women proved that this concern was unfounded and women's orders were established. Usually they emerged as female branches of orders that men had already founded (therefore...2nd Order). In the Middle Ages, when popular piety was on the rise and many lay people were striving for something deeper in their spiritual search, many approached the male and female religious asking whether some modified rule of life could be established that would allow them to maintain their lay obligations to marriage, family and career while still taking on a life that was more heroic and challenging than that being lived by mainstream Christians (therefore...3rd Order).

*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*

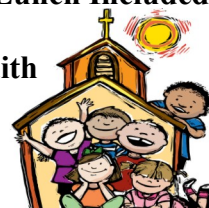
The Parish Office is Closed Monday, September 7 in honor of Labor Day.

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.

CATECHIST INSERVICE

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall
When: Saturday September 12th, 2015 9:30am - 3:30pm with Lunch Included!!
Times: Mass at 8:30am Registration begins at 9:30am
For: Catechists or anyone interested in sharing the Catholic faith with our Children and Youth
Presentations in English & Spanish
All churches in our vicariate are invited!!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT OUR CHURCH

Sacred Heart Catholic Church seeks an organized and self-motivated professional to serve as a Bilingual Administrative Assistant who will 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.

Qualifications desired: Experience in office operations and secretarial procedures is required.

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 (both 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. 7: NO 7AM MASS
T. Sept. 8: +Rodolpho Leyva
W. Sept. 9: +Margaret Mills
Th. Sept. 10: The Sieg Family
Fr. Sept. 11: +Dolores Harmon

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 7: +Robert & +Elva Harkey
T. Sept. 8: Tommy & Joan Bain
W. Sept. 9: Sick & Homebound
Th. Sept. 10: +Ralph Sterling
Fr. Sept. 11: +Jennifer Vann
Sat. Sept. 12: Rita Whiteford

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

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, Joan Molatore, 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, and Colleen Cantwell.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish, especially: +Starr Davis, +Albin Hudek, +Myra Rogers, and +Betty Carlson.

PHOTO DIRECTORY NEEDS YOU!!!

We are at 450 and counting (but Fr. Ken has his heart set on 1000)! Lifetouch has opened up two more days in November for photo sessions so if you are still dragging your feet, come on and sign up! Make our directory complete with your picture in it. You can sign up now only by going on-line at sacredheartmedford.org Remaining available Portrait sessions are October 16 & 17, 23-24 (mostly filled); November 6-7 and 20-21. You may book your photo session weekdays from Noon - 7:30pm and Saturdays from 9am-5pm. If you have any questions or need help signing up call Marilyn Gradwell at 541-944-3985 or Elizabeth Godines (she speaks both Spanish and English) at 541-890-2698.

Salesian Sayings

“Let the world turn upside down. Let everything be in darkness, in smoke, in uproar. God is with us.”

“Look at all afflictions in themselves, and they are dreadful. Behold them in the will of God and they are love and delights.”

“God desires to use your littleness to do Him a service of great importance.”

“Well, my poor heart, here we are, in the ditch we resolved to avoid. Ah, let us rise and leave it forever. Courage! God will help us and we shall do well enough.”

“The world holds us to be fools. Let us hold it to be mad.”

“Ask for nothing. Refuse nothing.”

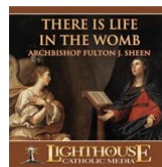
“The measure of our love is to love without measure.”

“It is an all-pure soul which cannot love the Paradise of God, but only the God of Paradise.”

“Nothing so strong as gentleness; nothing so gentle as strength.”

“Do not look into the face of one who governs you, but into the face of God Who has so ordained it.”

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

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/.

GET OUTSIDE AND ENJOY THE CLEAN AIR!

Wednesday Weeders will meet Wednesdays (Sept. 9th and 16th) and then will take the last two Wednesdays of September off. Join our little group for either or both days. Meet some wonderful people and help to beautify the grounds of the church.

Financial Report

	8/23/2015	8/24/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$13,620.83	\$12,245.54
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$130,585.94	\$132,681.55
Needed for Budget	\$143,076.94	\$145,153.85
Over (under) Budget	(\$12,491.00)	(\$12,472.30)

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.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Everyone interested in experiencing the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Mass is welcome to join us at 6 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 13th at Our Lady of the River, 3625 N. River Rd., Gold Hill, 97525. Fr. David Jaspers from Springfield, OR will be presiding at a . For information please see our website at: <http://southernoregonunavoce.blogspot.com/>.

Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 175

There is growing evidence that malnutrition during the crucial period of human development-before and during a woman's pregnancy and during a child's first two years of life-"programs" a person's future ability to regulate weight and affects brain development.

First 1000 Days: A Catholic Culture of Life Initiative

*Have you or someone you know considered becoming
a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church?*

“Come and see!”

at

R.C.I.A.

(The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and older children)

Who: *Adults, Teens, and older Children*

- * Adults baptized in other churches who are interested in becoming Catholic
- * Adults and children seven or older who are not yet baptized
- * Catholic Adults and teens who haven't yet received their First Communion
- * Catholic Adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

What: *RCIA sessions.* Gather to learn about Catholicism.

Where: *Parish Hall* (next to the church)

When: Tuesday evenings:

Adults: 6:30 – 8:00 / Children, Teens: 7:00-8:00

Weekly: Starting September 15th

For more information about becoming a fully initiated Catholic or to sign up,
please contact Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate
541 779-4661x105 or abrophy@shcs.org.

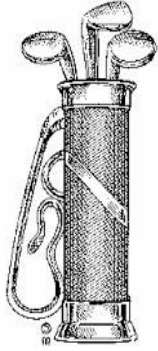
We look forward to welcoming you!

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

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**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
We are also selling 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.
Call Sacred Heart School at 541-772-4105.

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. Your input is valuable.
(Ages 35 thru still loving life are welcome)
Call Eileen Shingle (541) 535-3973 with questions.

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. Evening meeting is September 10 at 6:00PM and is also a pot luck in the Parish Hall. To continue evening we will need at least 8 people in attendance. Will be a good time to meet new officers.



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL BEGINS THE SCHOOL YEAR
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE!**

The new school year has begun, and we are looking toward the future and writing the history of the next 150 years. The staff at Sacred Heart Catholic School is working hard to provide a 21st century leading edge learning environment for all students. Our sincere mission is to **"Provide an excellent academic education, grounded in Catholic principles and values, thereby creating a lifelong love of learning, and a respect for all things and all creation as gifts of God."** The goals of a Catholic Education are our goals for this year including providing for the development of the whole person – mind, heart, body and spirit – nurturing a real relationship to Jesus and the Father in the Holy Spirit through sacraments, prayer, and service. We are a family. We have formed family groups of students from Preschool through 8th grade who will work together to serve our community and each other. **We invite our parish community to join us at Barnes and Noble on Saturday, the 12th of September as we serve the community celebrating Grandparents' Day, reading with students, and finding out about the many services ACCESS has to offer!**

OLD TESTAMENT THE 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

SCHEDULE

September 6

7:00 - Paul Stancel
8:30 - TBA



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)



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. Check your inbox for our September schedule!

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION for 2015/2016! **7 DAYS LEFT!!!** Registration closes on September 14, 2015. Like last year after the closing date, there will not be an opportunity to register for Confirmation until the following year! Those able to apply for Confirmation Prep are any high school teen who desires to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes are on Wednesday Evenings at Sacred Heart Catholic School. You can obtain a registration packet (and/or return your completed packet) at the Church Office between the hours of 8a-4p (bring your Teens baptismal certificate with you)! The new location for Confirmation class this year is Sacred Heart Catholic School.

The first Confirmation Class is on Wednesday September 16th 2015 from 6:00-7:30p Parents and Teens are REQUIRED to attend the first class together.

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION: The Archdiocesan policy requires 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 please turn in a new registration packet to the office or Whitney Compton. If you have any questions please contact Whitney via e-mail.

XLT ADORATION: Adoration for the whole vicariate will take place on Sunday, September 13th, at Sacred Heart Church, 7:00-8:30PM. Edge, Life Teen, and Young Adults are welcome to join us for Adoration. Following Adoration there will be a social from 8:30 10:00. 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 may drive themselves with the permission of their parents. Don't Miss Out On

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

What awesome Bible fun we had at Weird Animal Family VBS!! A huge thank you to my fearless Crew who made it possible!!! Ingrid De Carlow, Linda Filardi, Josh, Tonya & Brooke Alger; Lori Harmon; Adele McVeigh; Paul Stancel, Leah Sabel, Danielle Wheeler, Sonia & Adan Mendez, Candy & Jacqui; Vicenta, Maria, Catholic Daughters – Connie Moyer, Shari Lloyd, Rebecca Conlan, Linda Olson, Eileen Shingle; Teens & Tweens: Kayla & Jonah Hadley, Alex Villa, Jocelyn, Maria, Fiona, Tabor & Olivia Wheeler; and all the great guys from the Knights of Columbus who did the heavy lifting & moving!!

All week we danced, ate and learned about “How much Jesus Loves Us because God made us all “one-of-kind”!! Exploring the BIBLE with our families was twice the fun as Dads, Moms, Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts, Neighbors and friends experienced each day full of great Bible stories and verses in a truly meaningful way with their children. It was also such a great way to meet other families in our Parish. We were all sad it is over for this year but maybe your family can join us for our focused family Bible fun next year?

At Sacred Heart it really is “Cool to Be Catholic!”

Registration for our Children’s Faith Formation for 2015-2015



CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH

Registration Forms for Religious Education Classes for children Preschool -- Grade 5 are available at the Parish Office, doors of the Church and were mailed to all previously enrolled families. If your address has changed or you are new to our program please call me so I can assist you.

Registration for Sacrament Preparation 2015-2016 CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

Baptized children in Grade 2 to 5 who have attended at least 2 consecutive years of faith formation at one of the following:- our *Sacred Heart Parish Religious Education* or another *Catholic Parish program* or *Sacred Heart School* are eligible for enrollment in Sacrament Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion for this school year 2015-2016. To ensure your child is eligible please call Mary Stallard at ph# 541-779-4661 Ext: 104 or mstallard@shcs.org