



### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69C)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Q: How do we pray for or model for our spouses, for their salvation, as it says in 1 Corinthians 7:16 and 1 Peter 3:1, 2, 7? And how does this apply to those who are divorced or have annulments?

A: To begin with, let me briefly touch on the two biblical references made in this question so that we might better appreciate the context of this parishioner's concern. In the beginning of 1 Cor. 7, St. Paul was being asked to say a word about marriages where one spouse had become Christian after their marriage had taken place and the other had remained a pagan or "nonbeliever". These Christian spouses really were questioning whether God and/or the Church would require or want them to divorce their pagan spouse or whether or not their marriage was valid in the eyes of God. This is a contemporary question as well that still regularly comes up, especially in the Pacific Northwest as many Catholics are married to agnostics, atheists or fringe believers who habitually opt not to attend church. St. Paul's pastoral response back then was to say that if the pagan spouse still loved them and was willing to remain married to them then they should stay together. He offered his reason for this position in 7:16 where he said, "For how do you know wife whether you will save your husband or how do you know husband whether you will save your wife?" In other words, maybe continuing in this mixed marriage would lead to God's grace and mercy and the salvation of the pagan spouse due to the Christian spouse's holy example. If, on the other hand, it was determined that the pagan spouse could not abide by this new change of faith and that they therefore might become determined to be an obstruction in the spiritual journey of the other spouse who has discovered faith then St. Paul says the Christian spouse was free to divorce and remarry a fellow believer. This is still held to today and is known in canon law of marriage as the Pauline Privilege. It is based on the idea that the sacrament of marriage is for the establishment of family and for the greater good of both spouses and the greatest good of all is Heaven. If a nonbelieving spouse is essentially standing in Heaven's way, we have an exceptional case where the Church allows a change of spouse who will not act as such an obstacle. The 1 Peter reference essentially makes this same point so our first pope seems to have been in agreement with St. Paul's pastoral sense. In that passage, St. Peter spoke of wives and husbands

winning their spouses over by their good and holy conduct and by the way they loved and honored the other. So now back to the question, which seems to beg for specific guidelines or strategies in winning your nonbelieving spouse over as we pray for them and live out our faith. How do we pray for or model for our spouses, for their salvation? Well, first let me say that from my life experience and my experience as a marriage counselor and pastor I know that neither nagging nor "preachiness" works. I know some would rather I provide a "magic bullet" but the truth is that it must begin with positivity, encouragement and living out your own faith dynamically and with joy (or in other words...with you yourself becoming a saint). The best approach in marriage is to find someone who shares your faith from the beginning and who can be equally yoked with you and also to be committed to the idea that the couple that prays together stays together. But assuming that did not happen, in this case, then I always tell couples preparing for marriage that going into it you must commit to loving your spouse just as they are and not enter into marriage with the plan of changing them. In other words, you have to be ok with the possibility that they never become "enlightened". Instead of investing energy in trying to change them, try to change yourself and become the best version of yourself you can be for them without any strings attached. If they love you at all, this type of attitude is rather contagious, I find. Eventually, it can be hoped that through your example they might become inspired to work on themselves and part of that involves working on their spiritual dimension. Scripture says that this kind of love is even effective against our enemies (much less our spouses) as it is like heaping hot coals on their heads (Proverbs 25:22). Love always inspires change and so do saints. So be a saint and love them as they are and also as they potentially one day might be. As for former spouses separated by divorce/annulment, this marital obligation no longer applies. However, the Christian obligation of love, forgiveness and praying for others still does. Persevere in doing good and God bless you.

*Note: All questions come from parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish or St. Joseph Mission and they are presented to you anonymously. I hope this is a useful learning opportunity for all 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)*

**THE 34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT**

“Merciful Like the Father”

ST. RITA RETREAT CENTER GOLD HILL, OREGON

Friday, January 29 – Sunday, January 31, 2016

Father Ken Sampson, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Medford will be our presenter. Father Ken has prior experience as a religious brother with the Discalced Carmelites, who have a principle chrism of retreat work, spiritual direction and teaching the faithful how to deepen their prayer life.

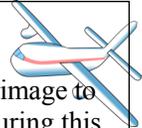
EARLY REGISTRATION — \$110 -- AFTER Jan. 23 or at the door is \$120. Make checks payable to St. Rita Retreat Center. Registration includes two nights lodging and meals. Bring your own towel and soap. \$25 will hold your reservation. Mail to Don Zimmerer, 251 Autumn Ridge, Talent, OR, 97540. Arrive and check in on Friday 4 to 6 pm. Dinner at 6:30. We will be finished by noon on Sunday. Commuter attendance w/meals is \$75.00. Saturday only is \$50.00 with meals. For more information call 541-531-2929.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Because of your support, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through daily resources on television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Half of your donations stay in our archdiocese to support local communications needs. To learn more about this important work, please visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE MEETING**

**!!!!!! DATE CHANGE !!!!!!**



Father Ken will lead Sacred Heart on a pilgrimage to Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Italy during this year of Divine Mercy.

Dates: September 16 to October 2, 2016.

We will visit the convent of Sister Faustina, who received the image of Jesus and the message of His Divine Mercy to share with the world, and we will enter the Holy Doors of St Peter's in Rome in this Jubilee year (and more wonderful places). Please come to meet on **Saturday, January 30th at 4:30PM** in the parish hall. For information and registration forms, please contact Beckie at 541-601-4457 or [bkantor@hotmail.com](mailto:bkantor@hotmail.com) or Lillian at 541-779-2134.

**PATRICIAN MEETING**

Jan. 25th (4th Monday) at 9:30 AM in the Hall

Topic: Divine Will

Father Justus is our Spiritual Director

All are invited to come and join in the discussion.

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW FOR THE MAGDALENE HOME ANGEL BANQUET!**

The Angel Banquet will take place on Saturday, February 6, in the Sacred Heart Church parish hall. Doors open at 5pm, with champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and first bids on the silent auction, as well as raffle tickets for *Pick-of-the-Live Auction* and the *Tower of Wine*. You won't want to miss this important part of the evening's events! Dinner with wine is served promptly at 6pm, with program and live auction immediately following.

Lots of NEW items to bid on, as well as many favorites!

Tickets are \$50/person or \$400 to host a table of 8 friends for extra fun!

To reserve your place, please call Lindsay (weekdays) at 541-772-7123 or

Kathy (after hours and weekends), 541-773-9683.

Don't wait, as tickets sell out quickly!

May God bless you for helping support our young mothers and babies!



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

- M. Jan. 25: Kirk & Joan Douglas
- T. Jan. 26: Kirk & Joan Douglas
- W. Jan. 27: +Sofia Parker-Griffin
- Th. Jan. 28: +Dolores Harmon
- F. Jan. 29: +Janice Gnos

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

- M. Jan. 25: Catherine Rostel
- T. Jan. 26: +Josefina Lucena
- W. Jan. 27: +Gus & Mary Ramin
- Th. Jan. 28: +Lila Logan
- F. Jan. 29: Jack & Colette Agresti
- Sat. Jan. 30: +Josefina Lucena

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

Kathy Kim, Ruth Frisbee, Teri Gieg, Reese Baker, Diane Williams, Gladys Schibusch, Bill Reifers, Lucy Caro, Frances Maltoni, Louise Sutch, Randy Gale, Judith Rosario, Peg Morgan, Joyce Farrell, Joanne Hafner, Evelyn Bocast, Jonathan Cotta, Patty Wittenbock, Bill Schueller, Cynthia Sugiura, Ramona Rosales, Trudy Omann, Kathy Steiner, John Kuchler, George Halvorsen, Justin Berlandi, Marie Casilio, Shizuka McCue, Eileen Van Dyck, Beverly & Dick Handley, John Zeleznik, and Don & Jean Palese.

**Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially:**

+John Lichtenwalner, +Millie Zarosinski, & +Sue Caswell.

## ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL 2016

Most past contributors to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal will receive a mailing from Archbishop Sample within the next few days. Next weekend additional information regarding this year's Appeal will be provided in the bulletin insert. Appeal funds are used to help fund Archdiocesan offices and agencies that assist the parishes and their people. In addition, part of the funds are used to assist retired archdiocesan priests and seminarian education.

The theme of the 2016 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is "Teach, Bless, Serve." As you consider the amount you can pledge to help these ministries, please reflect on the following:

Contributing to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is one concrete way to "Teach, Bless, Serve". Take a moment to honestly examine all the God-given blessings in your life and then ask not yourself, but ask God: "What is just?"

By our baptism and our confirmation in the Catholic church, each of us is called to serve as a good shepherd. We are called not only to follow Christ but to be Christ. Please pray for the Lord's guidance as you consider the above reflections, and please give generously according to the blessings God has given you.

More information is available Online for download at <http://www.archdpdx.org/appeal>.

### THE TECHNOLOGY CORNER

The electronic world can open your heart and mind to the endless benefits and expanse of our year of mercy!

Here's how, go to: [www.im.va](http://www.im.va) There you will find a comprehensive, colorful and informative look into the scope of our Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. It is a site filled with news of what is happening in Rome and around the world. Be sure to take in Pope Francis' letter (found under the 3rd listing- Jubilee.) It reads as though it were personally written to you. Finally, we have been asked to read St. Faustina's Diary this year. It is a treasure, and her story and life define love, mercy and humility. I encourage you to read it. You can obtain copies of it on Amazon, paperback \$6.27 or download it on your electronic device for \$9.95.

### MEDIA KIOSK WEEKLY FEATURE

Come check out our Media Kiosk at the Back of the Church. We have great ways to learn more about the Catholic Church, enriching your faith. All at low cost. Media Focus of the week is St Philomena.

#### St. Philomena - A Saint For Our Times

Though St. Philomena lived approximately 1700 years ago and was only discovered in the catacombs of Rome in the early 1800's, her faithful witness as a young virgin who was martyred for her purity and for her fidelity to Christ speaks powerfully to our culture, and especially to young people. Commonly referred to as a "wonder worker", she has the distinction of being the only saint canonized solely on the basis of the profound miracles attributed to her intercession. Learn more this powerful advocate we have before the throne of Almighty God.

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

### Where All Are Welcomed & Loved With Mercy -Day 315

Pope Francis encouraged mothers to breast-feed their young at the Sistine Chapel. Baptizing 32 babies in the Sistine Chapel, Francis told mothers to feel relaxed about feeding them. Francis said earlier ago that women should feel comfortable about breast feeding during his ceremonies.

*First 1000 Days: A Catholic Culture of Life*

### Thank you Advertiser of the Week

**Gary J. May Orthodontics**

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with your patronage.*

### Financial Report

	1/10/2016	1/11/2015
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$17,519.92	\$14,600.04
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$512,350.88	\$500,442.94
Needed for Budget	\$500,769.34	\$508,038.45
Over (under) Budget	\$11,581.54	(\$7,595.51)
% Over (Under) Budget	2.31%	-1.50%

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



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**  
Celebrating 150 years of excellence... with heart

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Catholic schools week is coming, and we are preparing in many ways for this week of celebration. Please don't miss our school OPEN HOUSE for all prospective families on 2/1 at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart School. It will be a great evening! Let us give you a chance to show what makes our school community so special.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with our December scrip (gift card) challenge. We sold \$80,000 in gift cards for everything from grocery stores to restaurants to gas stations, an increase of \$18,000 over December 2014! The school gets to keep a percentage of the sales, so this is a very important revenue generating program for us. If you can participate, please call Terry Fry at the school. It's easy to use and helps many students in the Valley get a quality Catholic education. We will be selling gift cards after the 7 and 8:30 Mass on Feb. 3 in the Parish Hall.

**AUCTION NEWS**

Our 20th Annual School Auction will be a ROARING TWENTIES THEME and is sure to be a ton of fun! The event at the Inn At The Commons on Saturday, March 5th. If you are a carpet cleaner, medical provider, hair dresser, tree trimmer, we would love you to consider a gift certificate donation. We are also looking for tickets to professional sports teams, vacation homes/ time share units, a beach house, a house in Sunriver/Bend area, anything we can package to help drive the biggest fundraising event for our school. Contact LeeAnn Loftin, SHCS Events Coordinator, for more information or if you can help! [541-772-4105](tel:541-772-4105) ext. 119.

**Thinking about Catholic school for your Children?**

We'd be happy to give you a tour and connect you with current parents to answer questions. Please contact the school at [541-772-4105](tel:541-772-4105) for a tour. Financial support is available.

**FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY**

The Knights of Columbus invites Sacred Heart parishioners to participate in the council's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Family Rosary Program. This Rosary will be offered on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> beginning immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us to pray for our Lord's protection from the many challenges to faith and morality in our country today, for the intentions of Pope Francis, and for your families' own personal intentions.

**ATTENTION: SINGLES**

In December we were blessed to meet some extraordinary people at Three Fountains as we delivered their Christmas gifts and extended them our friendship from Shepherd Singles. January we met and exchanged our white elephant gifts, which was fun. In **February** we will gather for a group dinner at McGrath's @ 6:00pm. If you are interested in joining us for dinner please contact: Eileen @ (541) 535-3973.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING!**

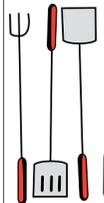
The turn out of volunteers to take down the Christmas decorations was amazing. With so many helping hands we were able to finish early! That has not happened in the five years I have coordinated decorating and "undecorating" the church. Thank you to one and all. Your willing service was much appreciated.

BJ Buxton



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEEF RAFFLE**

The annual Knights of Columbus Beef Raffle kicks off this month. Ask any Knight for tickets (\$5 each). Two winners will be drawn on April 17th and each will win a quarter, processed and packaged, grass-feed beef. Proceeds go to assist area charities. Only 1000 tickets will be sold so get your tickets now before they run out.





**SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** This retreat is mandatory and scheduled for January 30-31 at Mountain Lakes Bible Camp in Klamath Falls. Check in Saturday morning, January 30, 6:30 to 7:00am. We have secured a bus but the bus will not accommodate everyone so we will also have chaperones to drive! **MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR TEEN ON January 24<sup>th</sup> after youth group!!!**

**YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:** To receive our e-mail please contact Whitney.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS!** Wednesday, January 27, we continue Lesson 15. Bring your books. Doors close and class starts promptly at 6:00pm!

**YOUTH GROUP:**

EDGE

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. NO YOUTH GROUP – Whitney will be out of town for the Confirmation Retreat!

LIFETEEN

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**CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH**

Dear Parents; on February 7<sup>th</sup> Sacred Heart will provide our youth with abuse prevention skills they can use anywhere and in all interpersonal relationships! Called to Protect for youth is a self protection training program using video and facilitated discussions to teach youth: their emotional, physical and behavioral boundaries, ways abusers try to violate these boundaries and ways to respond if their boundaries are being violated, and how to report abuse happening to them or someone they know. The DVD and the facilitated discussion encourages kids to talk to each other using their own common language. This program is required by our Archdiocese. Called to protect for Youth will be shown on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Sacred Heart Youth room; for middle school from 9:45-11:00am and for high school – after youth Mass from 6:15-7:30p. If you have any questions you can contact me at [wcompton@archdpdx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpdx.org) or call my office to make an appointment. ***If you do not wish your teen(s) to take this personal safety class, please contact Whitney Compton in the parish office for the opt-out form and other information.***

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

The beginning of a new year is a time for prayerful gratitude. I am grateful for many things, especially for the parents and guardians of the children of Sacred Heart. You are the primary educators in the faith of your child, and you allow me to share in that challenge and privilege. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and all our parish members: you are the support group on which these children's faith will grow. Thank you. My Catechists and I are committed to presenting experiences of faith to your child in the classroom that affirm the experience of faith being lived at home. Making this connection is critical to your child's faith formation. When you share with a catechist or me the prayer, conversations, and other experiences you have with your child, you give us the most basic tools we need to make that connection.

In these early weeks of the New Year, let's prayerfully renew our commitment to one another to work together in sharing our faith with your child.

Sincerely yours in Christ  
Mary Stallard

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Last Tuesday this year's Sacrament class made their First Reconciliation and both Father Ken and I were very pleased with the children's reverence and attention to their prayers. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation the children learned that we celebrate God's forgiveness of the sins we have committed and how we express our sorrow for these sins by confessing them to a priest. Through penance, the prayer or good deed the priest asks them to do to show that they are truly sorry and want to turn away from sin and live as God wants them to live. Does this remind you of your own first confession?? Perhaps it may prompt you to also celebrate this sacrament again soon??

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Religious Education Classes are open to any child from Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade every Sunday at 9:50am until 11:15am at Sacred Heart School. For further information or questions contact Mary Stallard 541-779-4661 ext: 107

## WHITE RIBBONS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

Pornography is causing a terrible spiritual crises in our families, communities and especially among our youth. It is destroying marriages, curbing vocations and leading to a range of sexually exploitive behaviors.

CCC 2354 *Pornography*..... It offends against chastity because it perverts the conjugal act, the intimate giving of spouses to each other. It does grave injury to the dignity of its participants (actors, vendors, the public), since each one becomes an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others....It is a grave offense. Civil authorities should prevent the production and distribution of pornographic materials.

- Many parents and children/teens are not aware of the quickness with which one can suffer from pornography addiction, and the ease of acquiring inappropriate sexual pictures and content on the internet. Sexual addiction can occur within a week and easily within three months for many people.
- Inappropriate images can't be erased from the mind and they influence actions. Children/teens and adults need to abandon the "everybody's seeing these things" mindset and be responsible for what goes into their minds.
- Adult exposure to pornographic media is connected with:
  - Greater acceptance of sex before marriage
  - Having more sex partners
  - Greater acceptance of adultery
  - Engaging in more behavioral aggression

Catholic Daughters Of the Americas, Court St. Mary #1800, will be passing out WRAP pins and stickers, in the fight against pornography, after all Masses on January 23 and 24, 2016. Please help us to raise awareness that pornography harms all of us and that we can fight for decency in our homes, schools, communities and the media.

**Most exposure to pornography occurs while online. Please consider placing a white ribbon sticker on your computer and keeping the prayer nearby to help all of us to stand strong against the temptations that are so close at hand.**

### HEALING FROM ABORTION

For some, it may seem like their abortion is an event totally left in the past, yet vast evidence shows that abortion has long-lasting, life-altering affects in the lives of women and men who have experienced it. To feel, deal, and heal from abortion(s), attend a life-changing Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Contact Project Aurora for information about the April 8-10, 2016 retreat near Medford:

541-942-2861 or email [projectaurora@aol.com](mailto:projectaurora@aol.com).

*Para Espanol ilamada a Araceli 541-621-7047.*

### COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE

#### January 24

7:00 - Paul Stancel

8:30 - TBA

#### January 31

7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom

8:30 - TBA



Come over and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a yummy donut.