



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (27C)

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1 GOSPEL: Luke 9:28b-36

Q: Why is the Catholic Church against contraception (e.g. the pill, condoms, etc.)? It seems like if the Church is against abortion then contraception would be preventing abortion since it stops unwanted pregnancies.

A: On July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1968, Pope Paul VI released an encyclical entitled *Humanae Vitae* (Of Human Life) to address the moral issue of artificial contraception within marriage. This encyclical remains today the most controversial encyclical ever released by the Vatican and its release is considered by Church historians to be the watershed moment where the Magisterium (teaching authority of the Church) lost its influence over lay Catholics globally. That is because the Catholic laity, for the first time, largely rejected the message. Going forward, Catholics would no longer automatically accept Church teaching with the obedience of faith or blindly accept it without challenge. However, at the same time, I would say that *Humanae Vitae*, as short as it is, is also one of the most prophetic encyclicals ever written because all of the negative effects of artificial contraception on our society that Pope Paul VI warned the Church of indeed came to pass.

This encyclical was especially brought on by the invention of the birth control pill in 1960 and the impact that this development had on global society. However, Pope Paul VI also cited other factors for writing the document and clarifying Church teaching. Those other factors included fear of overpopulation, rising costs in raising and educating children, the feminist movement and a growing sense that scientific development was meant to dominate and improve on nature in every aspect. In contrast to the perspective of our popular culture, the Pope pointed out that Christian teaching regarding the sexual act in marriage has, from the beginning, pointed to a two-fold purpose: The unitive function (strengthening the emotional and psychological bond between husband and wife) and the procreative function (an openness to the possibility of creating new life). He added that since marriage calls for total self-gift to the other, this openness to life must be the reality of each individual sexual act. Otherwise that marriage, which is meant to reflect the love between Christ and his bride, the Church, is not one which involves total self-gift but instead a holding back of something. While spacing out births according to natural family planning and the fertile cycles of nature is entirely in keeping with God's plan, artificial contraception is not. Pope Paul VI describes this teaching as a difficult one that involves trust in God and cooperation/strong communications with one's

spouse but he said it is also the "narrow way" that leads to heaven. He said that one cannot rationalize artificial contraception as the "lesser of two evils" where the alternative is abortion or an unwanted child. Further, just as he condemns artificial birth control methods he equally condemns abortion and surgical sterilization as offenses against God and the sacrament of marriage. By proclaiming this teaching in encyclical form the pope clarified that this teaching against the use of artificial contraception was a dogmatic teaching of the faith that must be received by the faithful with the obedience of faith and that this teaching could not be changed in the future.

Among the grave consequences to society if this teaching went unheeded and ignored, the Pope listed the following: 1) A spread in the use of artificial contraception would lead to greater infidelity in marriage and a general lowering of sexual morality. If one studies the bad fruit of the Sexual Revolution one will note an increase in divorce, cohabitation and serial sexual partners, all of which come with attached social costs incurred by sexual partners, children of divorce and children born out of wedlock such as poverty, physical and sexual abuse, prostitution, runaways, gang activity, higher rates of incarceration, sexually transmitted diseases, etc. 2) Pope Paul VI also anticipated a general loss of respect toward women and their sexual objectification by men both within and outside of marriage. Here we can look at the alarming plague of pornography and many of the aforementioned issues. 3) He indicated that artificial birth control would become a powerful weapon for corrupt governments. See how countries like China have imposed mandatory sterilization of citizens after two births and how in the West more aggressive efforts have been made to increase access to birth control by minors even against parent's wishes. 4) Finally, and to the parishioner's point, artificial contraception creates an anti-life culture that leads people away from seeing conception as an awesome gift. Instead pregnancy more and more is seen by our culture as bad news or as a curse. When it fails to prevent pregnancy it actually increases the odds that abortion will become the fallback option. We have seen clearly that in the era when artificial contraception has been readily available, abortion has radically increased rather than decreased.

*Note: All questions come from parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish or St. Joseph Mission and are presented anonymously. I hope this is a useful learning opportunity. If you have questions that need answers please let me know in person or email them to [hearttoheart.ks@gmail.com](mailto:hearttoheart.ks@gmail.com)*

~~ Father Ken

### LENTEN SERVICES

**Stations** of the Cross every Friday  
5:30 in English, 7PM in Spanish  
**Soup Supper** in Hall at 6PM

**Confessions** every Saturday 3:00 to 5:15

#### Reconciliation Services:

7PM Tuesday, February 23 at Shepherd  
of the Valley, Central Point  
10AM Wednesday, February 24  
at Sacred Heart  
7PM Thursday, February 25 at Sacred Heart  
7PM Tuesday, March 1 at St. Anne's  
in Grants Pass  
7PM Thursday, March 3 at St. Joseph,  
in Roseburg

**All Fridays** of Lent are days of **abstinence**,  
refrain from eating meat by all Catholics  
ages 14 and older.

### PATRICIANS -- A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

The Patricians will meet this month on  
Monday, February 22 at 9:30AM in the  
Parish Hall Topic: Which version of the  
Bible should I read? Our Spiritual Director  
is Father Justus. All are welcome to come  
and join in the discussion.

### MEDITATIVE CONCERT THURSDAY, MARCH 3 at 7:00 p.m.!

Come enjoy "Songs to the Divine Mother,  
Ave Maria Concert", with Pauline Sullivan,  
soprano and Jennifer Schloming, accompa-  
nist. They will be performing the music of  
Schubert, Bach-Gounod, Verdi, Gordiniani,  
Varlamov, Mussorgsky and others in our  
Church.

All are welcome!!

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

M. Feb. 22: +Paul Dellapenta  
T. Feb. 23: +Sofia Parker-Griffin  
W. Feb. 24: Maria Cooper  
Th. Feb. 25: The Wilcox Hebert Family  
F. Feb. 26: Jan Sieg

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

M. Feb. 22: Pat & Edward Ford  
T. Feb. 23: Pat & Edward Ford  
W. Feb. 24: The Snow Family  
Th. Feb. 25: The Schettino Family  
F. Feb. 26: Ken Dellapenta  
Sat. Feb. 27: Terry Cruise & Family

### SALE OF OLIVEWOOD PRODUCTS FROM THE HOLY LAND



Olivewood carvings will be available for purchase after  
all Masses, February 27 and 28. The proceeds help to  
support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land.  
This is the major source of income for them there. The  
wares are from more than 80 families in Bethlehem and  
consist of very beautiful and unique items -- Nativities,  
Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues etc.

The Christian population has dropped from 22% to less  
than 2% in the past two decades. This is a way to sup-  
port them to stay there and be a Catholic presence.

Thank you for your help and support,  
George Alyateem

### LENTEN RICE BOWL HUNGERING TO GIVE BACK



This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where  
Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for  
her family—and feed an entire school. How do we use  
our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we  
meet? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St Vincent de Paul Dining room serves hot meals  
Monday through Saturday year round. In 2014 over 500  
volunteers working over 10,000 hours faithfully served  
almost 60,000 meals to all those who came to us in  
Jackson County. We are always in need of volunteers in  
the kitchen. We can also use volunteers in our thrift  
store, shower and laundry facility, home visitations and  
many other areas. Please help serve those in need.  
Please call [541-772-3828](tel:541-772-3828) Ext 7. We need you."

"The poor have much to teach you. You have much  
to learn from them." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

**PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish** especially:  
Kathleen Motter, Mary Gulrich, Ronna Hetzel Baltz, Ginny  
Spechtenhauser, Kathy Kim, Ruth Frisbee, Teri Gieg,  
Reese Baker, Diane Williams, Gladys Schibusch, Bill Reif-  
ers, Lucy Caro, Frances Maltoni, Louise Sutch, Randy  
Gale, Judith Rosario, Peg Morgan, Joyce Farrell, Joanne  
Hafner, Evelyn Bocast, Jonathan Cotta, Patty Wittenbock,  
Bill & Rosemary 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, Paul  
& John Zeleznik, and Don & Jean Palese.  
**Please pray for the deceased of our parish,**  
especially: +Craig Contreras

## Meeting God Where We Are

*From the Spirituality Committee*

As Pope Francis makes his second Papal visit to the Western Hemisphere, we take time to reflect on his first visit, to the United States last fall. Several of our fellow parishioners were blessed to be able to be a part of that visit. Please enjoy and reflect on their experiences.

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It was unifying in common spirituality to see Pope Francis in New York and Philadelphia. Long existing bonds of family and friendship were connected. In Central Park with my childhood friend and my cousin, all having lost parents at an early age, we knew it was the depth of our shared faith that has sustained us through life's circumstances. During the Papal visit, amongst millions of people, we were filled with the Holy Spirit under a sky that God provided, a rainbow without rain and an etched cross in the clouds. In Philadelphia without tickets, we received the Eucharist and God's divine grace and love, shepherded by Pope Francis.

Evelyn Tucker

In Philadelphia, I saw God work many things Pope Francis speaks of to me and through me, as a blessing to others i.e. mercy, evangelization and ecumenism. It was the Holy Spirit moving as in our Confirmation Promise and a grace for me to say "Yes Lord, use me". A stranger gave me a ticket to the closing Mass one hour before it began. Receiving Communion at a Papal Mass was terrific! Before the Oregon Sunday Mass, a bartender who was fallen away and was rigid towards Catholicism got in a conversation with me. We began chatting, he began sharing, and then he let me pray with him. Next thing he was crying amidst a healing the Holy Spirit was working. Another blessing was being able to distribute Adoration Chaplets to many pilgrims from all over the world. It would take me thousands of words to properly share all I was blessed to experience.

Charles Fomby

If you have ever been to a holy site, you will understand my experience of going to see Pope Francis in person. Arriving early on the train to Philadelphia, my friend Laura Grosz and I had plenty of time to walk the few blocks, breeze through security, and choose the perfect spot to set up our chairs to see the Pope as he drove by. So we had a great view for the three minutes it took from first spotting the Popemobile until it turned a corner and was out of sight. Everything else we saw with the Pope was on a Jumbotron across the street.

What contributed to the day and helped form what I took away from this massive event was the people who attended. They came from all over the United State with one intention: to celebrate Mass with their Holy Father. Lines were long at the ONE vendor selling coffee, the souvenir shops, the Portapotties (lots of those!), but no one complained. The folks working were smiling and helpful even after hours of non-stop being on their feet and dealing with the public. Groups of people sang songs or prayed the Rosary. For 12 hours on September 27<sup>th</sup> that park was a holy site, and I was able to be a part of that experience.

BJ Buxton

## Reflections on Philadelphia pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families

Marie Chandler

In his homily at the Papal Mass in Philadelphia, Pope Francis shared:

“Faith opens a “window” to the presence and working of the Spirit. It shows us that, like happiness, holiness is always tied to little gestures. “Whoever gives you a cup of water in my name will not go unrewarded”, says Jesus. These little gestures are those we learn at home, in the family; they get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, by fathers and grandfathers, by children. They are little signs of tenderness, affection and compassion. Like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work.

Like a blessing before we go to bed or a hug after we return from a hard day’s work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to become faith.”

The words of our Holy Father encourage all of us, regardless of our state in life, to continue to do simple things in love for others always. It is messages like this draw so many to Pope Francis. He speaks in a simple, understandable language that is down to earth and that most people can relate to. I get the sense he is “in touch” with the challenges many of us face in today’s society.

As we waited for the arrival of Pope Francis at the Festival of Families, it was easy to recognize the universality of our Catholic faith as you looked over the crowd representing people from over 120 countries. We were there to see the Pope, and when he rode by on his Pope mobile waving to us, there was a feeling of unity with those around us, most of them complete strangers. We were all focused on this holy man who draws people to him by his example of love and compassion. I had such a feeling of joy being able to be a part of this gathering. His appearance at the Festival of Families on Saturday was a high point of our pilgrimage, and though we were only able to be at the conclusion of the Papal Mass on Sunday (due to the large crowds and security checkpoints that lasted for 5 hours) just being in the presence of this very holy man was a blessing.

I was fortunate to go on this pilgrimage with my daughter, Tiffany. We were touched by all of the events of the week, and besides the Papal appearances, one stands out for me. At the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, a local artist had created the “Knotted Grotto”, an art installation intended to delight and inspire all, while making the issues of homelessness, poverty and hunger visible during a time when there would be immense national attention. The Grotto featured a painting of Mary, Undoer of Knots, a favorite painting of Pope Francis. Knots symbolize the struggles of everyday life, and we ask through the intercession of Mary, Undoer of Knots to untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God. People visiting the Grotto were encouraged to write on a strip of material someone or something that they wanted to lift up in prayer and tie that to the Grotto. As Tiffany tied a prayer to the Grotto, the friend we were praying for called to see how our trip was going – truly the Holy Spirit at work.

**“Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love.” Pope Francis**

February 2016

**BEAUTIFY CHURCH GROUNDS**

Easter will soon be here which means it is time for the Wednesday Weeders to start cleaning up the grounds around the church. We will begin meeting weekly, 9:30-10:30 on Wednesday, March 2nd. Please join us and bring your own hand tools and gloves. For more information call BJ Buxton at 772-8292.

**COME SEW WITH US!**

The Sacred Heart Stitchers will meet Thursday, the 25th from 9:15 to noon in the Parish Hall. All those who love to sew are welcome to join us! We are making quilts for vets as well as other sewing projects for charity.



**COORDINATOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY WANTED**

St. Anne's in Grants Pass is looking for a minister to coordinator recruits, lead, and train Core Teams of adults and teens for our High School, Middle School, RCIT, Confirmation, and Young Adult programs.

This person reports to the pastor, Fr. Bill Holtzinger, and meets with him on a weekly basis. This person must be a practicing Catholic. This ministry is done primarily in English/Spanish considered a plus. More details can be found on [catholicjobs.com](http://catholicjobs.com).

To apply, please email resume and cover letter to [SearchCommittee@stannegp.com](mailto:SearchCommittee@stannegp.com)  
Deadline for applications: March 7, 2016  
Position = FULL TIME + benefits  
Expected Start Date: July 1, 2016

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING**

The local Secular Franciscan Fraternity will be meeting February 21, (3rd Sunday) 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 see.

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**MEDIA KIOSK FOCUS OF THE WEEK**

**Booklet: Death Where is Your Sting**  
We all will die. What meaning can we find in death? The question grabs us at a gut level. Its answer can be the difference between hope and despair.

We have a Media Kiosk at the back of the Church after each Mass. Come and see the CDs, Books, Booklets & Pamphlets that are available, to help us learn more about Our Catholic Faith. Watch for the "NEW ARRIVALS" sign. The kiosk is also available in the Hall, during Coffee and Donut Hour, and during Father Ken's Religious Education hour.

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

**ST. PATRICK DINNER SATURDAY, MARCH 12**



**Tickets for baskets on sale this Sunday.** Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 with a variety of baskets to choose from. Need not be present to win/drawing will be at the dinner. **Dinner Tickets are \$15.00 adult / \$10.00 12 and under.**

Dinner includes corned beef and cabbage, with beer and wine for sale.

A special event this year DESSERT AUCTION!!

A fun time for all with singing, wearing of the green and Irish dancers. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

This is a fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul & Magdalene Home sponsored by Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus  
For information call Regent, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736.

**COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE**

**Feb. 21 7 & 8:30** - St. Vincent de Paul

**Feb. 28 7 & 8:30** - Debbie Peerenboom



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

**Financial Report**

	2/7/2016	2/8/2015
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$18,180.31	\$17,033.07
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$578,012.87	\$568,984.32
Needed for Budget	\$572,307.82	\$580,615.37
Over (under) Budget	\$5,705.05	(\$11,631.05)
% Over (Under) Budget	1.00%	-2.00%

Thank you to parishioners who are using on-line giving. Our on-line giving program works great if you are out of town. Please see <https://sacredheartmedford.weshareonline.org> if you are interested in using the program.



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Celebrating 150 years of excellence... with heart

The Lord calls us to educate our children in the ways of his mercy and love. Sacred Heart School FALL 2016 ENROLLMENT has begun. If you missed our Open House, please call 541-772-4105 for a tour. We are excited about the good things happening and would love to show you how we are special.

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 ext. 119.

### Can you Help our school by purchasing gift cards?

You can help support Sacred Heart school at NO COST TO YOU by buying gift cards (also called "scrip"). When you use gift cards that are purchased from Sacred Heart School, those merchants pay us anywhere from 1-20% of the value of your card. For example, when you buy a \$100 gift card from the school, you still get a card worth \$100 but Sacred Heart School earns anywhere from \$1-\$20 from the sale of that gift card. It's an easy way to support Catholic education. **You can buy gift cards (scrip) March 6, after the 7 and 8:30 Masses.**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As we make our way through this season of Lent, in preparation for Easter, we remember to Pray, Fast (make sacrifices), and to 'Give To Others'. We pray those very special prayers we can make up ourselves or the prayers our parents and Catechists help us with. We collect pennies to help fill our own Rice Bowls. We remember to love God and try each day to "be the best ME I can be!". Thanks to my wonderful Catechists our children enjoy learning to grow in their love of God and their very "cool" Catholic faith. So come and join us as we journey through Lent towards Easter. All children Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade welcome. Sunday mornings 9:50 to 11:15am at Sacred Heart School. Gather in the cafeteria for a (short) faith sharing time with coffee and snacks.

### SACRAMENT PREPARATION

This year's First Communion class are busy attending classes to help prepare them for this Blessed Sacrament. The children have eagerly participated utilizing many of their senses such as, sight, sound, touch, taste and movement to bolster them on this Eucharistic path. What a wonderful and gracious gift from our loving God. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Communion and the communions to follow.



For further questions or details contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office. Ph# 541-779-4661



### SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:** To receive our e-mail contact Whitney at [wgodfrey@archdpx.org](mailto:wgodfrey@archdpx.org).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS!** Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2016. Bring your books and arrive 5:45 to 5:55 as doors close and class starts promptly at 6:00pm! We will have youth Mass and youth group this weekend!!

#### **YOUTH GROUP:**

**EDGE** – February 21<sup>st</sup> 2016. THIS WEEK: Gifts and Fruits an EDGE Morning on Confirmation!  
Next week: NO EDGE (Canceled due to Pascua Juvenil – Hispanic Retreat)

**LIFE NIGHT** – February 21<sup>st</sup> 2016. THIS WEEK: Called To Protect for Teens!

Next week: NO LIFE NIGHT (Canceled due to Pascua Juvenil – Hispanic Retreat) : Note if you are a Confirmation Youth and you attend Pascua you do not need to attend youth Mass the evening of February 28<sup>th</sup> 2016

#### **ADOPT A CONFIRMANDI – We still need Prayer Warriors!!!**

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 at [wgodfrey@archdpx.org](mailto:wgodfrey@archdpx.org) with a simple message that says; "I'd like to Adopt a Confirmandi!"

**XLT ADORATION:** NEXT Month it will be held at Sacred Heart on March 13, 2016! The Vocations Committee for the diocese will be joining us!

**Steubenville Applications are now available - Contact Whitney!**