



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21 (36C)

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14 GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

Q: Many worshippers are leaving Sacred Heart Church early, in the middle of the last hymn. We are Protestant converts, and this is not done in Protestant churches. Protestants take joy in singing honor and praise to God and see hymns as an essential part of the worship service. It appears inappropriate and disrespectful to God and to the clergy, and the entire worship assembly to leave before Mass is ended. If pilgrims visit our church during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, how will it look to them? I suppose rushing to get out of the parking lot first seems a good reason to some, and we do understand there can be valid circumstances. However, shouldn't God be our whole priority during the whole hour of Mass, as well as out of it?

A: I am not sure that much of an answer is needed here as you seem to have said it well. I would just add three brief thoughts however. First, there is a difference between *Chronos* and *Kairos* that should be considered. In brief, *Chronos* represents worldly time (think wristwatch) and *Kairos* represents God's time or sacred time. Within the Mass that mysteriously involves time and eternity meeting on the altar. While I agree that some need to depart early due to medical emergency or crisis response, for the rest of us we are urged to give God his due. In order to keep these two concepts straight, I know many priests who will refuse to wear a watch while celebrating Mass. And I have been known to be challenging to those who engage regularly in timing the homily or the Mass. Giving generously of our time to God is part of the Biblical concept of tithing. Second, it should be noted that there was only one person who departed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Mass early and that was Judas Iscariot. Not many of us would desire to be grouped into his category if we really put some thought into it. Finally, the priest signifies the end of the Mass in a very specific and clear way as he says, "The Mass is ended. Go... (with some variation of blessing)". This is a sending and it is often said that, apart from the Eucharistic consecration itself, the sending forth is, in fact, the 2<sup>nd</sup> most important part of the Mass. We are meant to have been transformed by the Eucharist and then sent forward to evangelize and once again bring Christ and the Good News back into the world. If you leave early, you are missing this as well as missing the final blessing of the Mass.

Q: My daughters were here for a pancake dinner and joined me in praying grace (I was very surprised that they remembered the usual one). My youngest asked me these two things; What is "bounty"? (as in "which we are about to receive from Thy bounty")? Secondly (not so easy)---Why don't the unfaithfully departed rest in peace through God's Mercy? (We prayed "May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace...")

A: The dictionary provides various definitions for the word bounty but the most applicable have to do with bounty as "something that is given generously/generosity". God has provided humanity with a treasury and abundance of things for us to enjoy and make use of through His creation of the universe. When we say the classic Catholic meal blessing we are meant to remind ourselves of God's generosity before we partake of it. Regarding the second point raised, this might be a more challenging reality to teach but I have always believed that if a young person has been able to ask a more challenging or mature question then they deserve a mature answer. In this case, we ask that the faithful departed rest in peace and not the unfaithful departed because we believe in immediate judgment upon death. According to Catholic understanding, upon death, each person will be made aware of their eternal destiny (either Heaven or Hell). In the case of Hell, that judgment is immediately experienced. If Heaven, the person either directly enters Heaven or does so after a process of purification (Purgatory) but in either case, their eternal home is equally certain. The short answer then to the question is that the unfaithful departed cannot rest in peace because God is the source of all peace and no prayer, therefore, will aid a damned soul. On the other hand, we do not know the state of anyone's soul so I would urge you to tell your children to pray for all of the departed ("whose faith You alone have known") in order that they may know God's peace. By the way, the prayer which you apparently pray as a family is known as the prayer for the souls in purgatory. Souls in Heaven are already resting in peace and do not need our prayers either.

*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

*Pray, Fast, Give*

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS SOON**

Why might you want to pray the Divine Mercy Novena? In St. Faustina's writings, we hear Jesus promise, "By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."

The Divine Mercy Novena **starts on Good Friday, March 25**, after the Noon Stations of the Cross and also after the 3:00 Good Friday Service. On Holy Saturday and on Easter Sunday, the chaplet will be prayed at 3:00 pm in the church. The following week through Saturday, April 2, the chaplet will be prayed after 8:30 daily Mass and also at 3:00 in the church. Then on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, we will sing the beautiful Divine Mercy Chaplet at our 3:00 pm service.

The novena chaplet and instructions are at the doors of the church and in the Adoration Chapel. In order to gain all the graces from the Divine Mercy Novena, one must celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Come, join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena and grow in grace!

"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards Him. He awaits you with open arms."  
~~ Pope Francis

**LENTEN RICE BOWL  
HUNGERING TO GROW A NEW TOMORROW**

This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week let us reflect on where our food comes from—and what role we can play in caring for Our environment. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

No Morning Masses and no Confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

**Holy Thursday: March 24**

7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass with *Rice Bowl* collection. Adoration in Hall after Mass till Midnight

**Good Friday: March 25**

11:00 Rosary  
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross followed by Divine Mercy Novena  
Noon Spanish Stations of the Cross in Parish Hall  
3:00 p.m. English Veneration Service followed by Divine Mercy Novena  
5:30 p.m. English Veneration Service  
7:30 p.m. Spanish Veneration Service

**Holy Saturday: March 26**

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena  
**NO 5:30 P.M. Mass on Holy Saturday**  
**Easter Vigil: 8:30 p.m. Bi-lingual Mass**

Easter Sunday: March 27, 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 noon (all with Hall overflow)  
10:15 in Jacksonville  
**NO 5:00 p.m. MASS on Easter**

Please park in the county lot on 10<sup>th</sup> St. if possible for all services.

**LIVING ROSARY ON GOOD FRIDAY**

Knights of Columbus has designated March 25<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, as the Day of the Unborn Child. To honor all the victims of abortion and ensure that prayer is an integral component of our pro-life advocacy, please join the Knights and their families for a Living Rosary. The Rosary will be offered at the Sacred Heart Church monument for the Unborn Child in the courtyard between the parish hall, church and adoration chapel. The Living Rosary will begin at 11:00AM. Please join us for this very special service to pray for all the helpless victims.

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

- M. Mar. 14: The Toscano Family
- T. Mar. 15: Jim Cronin
- W. Mar. 16: Edward Smith
- Th. Mar. 17: Gabriel Presley
- F. Mar. 18: +Paul Dellapenta

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

- M. Mar. 14: The Altar Society
- T. Mar. 15: +Carmen Tovias
- W. Mar. 16: +Sue Caswell
- Th. Mar. 17: +Josephine Lucena
- F. Mar. 18: +Paul Dellapenta
- Sat. Mar. 19: +Paula George

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

- Bill Gaddis, Caroline Kopico, Kathleen Motter, Mary Gulrich, Ronna Hetzel Baltz, Ginny Spechtenhauser, Kathy Kim, Ruth Frisbee, Teri Gieg, Reese Baker, Diane Williams, Gladys Schibusch, Bill Reifers, Frances Maltoni, Randy Gale, Judith Rosario, Peg Morgan, Joyce Farrell, Joanne Hafner, Evelyn Bocast, Patty Wittenbock, Bill & Rosemary Schueller, Cynthia Sugiura, Ramona Rosales, Trudy Omann, Kathy Steiner, John Kuchler, 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:**

- +Del Stratman, +Genevieve Thomas & +John Oliveira.

**ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS!**

Next meeting, Monday, March 14, with our new format! Come, check us out. We begin with Rosary in the Church at 8:00 a.m., and Mass at 8:30. Then to the Hall for Continental type breakfast. A short meeting will follow and then BUNCO. Need not be a "dues paying member" to attend. ALL are welcome!! For the Breakfast, bring a food to share. Coffee and tea will be provided.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PRO-LIFE BEEF RAFFLE**

Raffle tickets now available from any Knight. Two winners will be drawn at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Knights Breakfast. Each will win a quarter, processed and packaged, grass-fed beef. **Proceeds will assist Magdalene Home, The Pregnancy Center and St. Vincent de Paul.** Get your tickets after Masses Saturday & Sunday, March 12 & 13. Only 1000 tickets will be sold so stop at the Knights table and get your tickets before they are all gone!



**MEDIA KIOSK FOCUS OF THE WEEK**



We need hope in our world. Flowing forth from the Heart of Jesus is a torrent of mercy that is the source of this much needed hope. Discover how in God's mercy we find a reason for joy here on earth and a reasonable expectation for eternal joy in Heaven.

The author provides practical suggestions on how we can live more joyful lives through being merciful to others and receiving mercy ourselves.

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

**LEGION OF MARY**

To become a member of the Legion of Mary, one must be a practicing Catholic. Active members serve God under the banner of Mary by practicing the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Please call the Parish Office to see how you can help.

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

To be celebrated this Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church, followed by a Potluck in the hall. Bring your favorite dish! For information please see our website at: <http://SouthernOregonUnaVoce.blogspot.com/>.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REQUEST**

St Vincent de Paul's Urban Rest Stop provides showers and laundry facilities for homeless men and women Monday - Friday mornings, with a different staff each day. Staff includes a male and female from a local parish plus 1 - 2 homeless volunteers. The day of the week is negotiable. Contact TC (541) 301-0025 or Lee (541) 601-5273 to discuss these positions or to visit our facility to see if this fits your time and talents. We also have many other areas where we need volunteers. Please call our volunteer coordinator 541-772-3828 Ext 7 for other volunteer opportunities

**WEED, PLANT, BEAUTIFY!**

The season has started for Wednesday Weeders. We meet every Wednesday morn at 9:30 for an hour. We welcome any amount of time that folks are able to give as we could complete projects faster. Once a month, or every week - you are needed!. Please consider joining our small crew. Call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292.

**HOLY WEEK IN A YEAR OF MERCY**

A Retreat Day Saturday, March 19  
9:00AM to 3:30PM at St. Rita Retreat Center

Gather with us to reflect on the traditions and liturgies of Holy Week through the "window" of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This is a great opportunity to "take a breath" and enter into Holy Week refreshed and with new energy. The day is facilitated by Jeanne Ellen Podolske. Cost is by donation. Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided. Pre-registration is requested - call 541-855-1333. Please leave a phone number and/or e-mail address so we may confirm your registration.

**ATTENTION: SINGLES**

Our dinner party at McGraths was enjoyable... we welcomed 4 new people to the group... if you haven't come yet, come to our next adventure. We will be meeting at Shepherd of the Valley Church parking lot on Sunday March 13 @ 6:00pm and heading out to a super dinner. Call Eileen @ 541 535-3973 for information and to make a reservation.



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

**AUCTION NEWS**

The 20th ANNUAL AUCTION was a roaring success! Thank you to all who helped, donated, attended, prayed for, and supported our event. The auction is a major fundraiser for our school. A special thanks to LeeAnn Loftin, our Event Coordinator, for a very successful and fun evening.

**PREPARING FOR LENT**

One of our school's Lenten projects is supporting the Rubanda Solidarity School in Uganda to help provide supplies for the students. For each dollar a student brings in, a heart with his/her name on it will be placed on the front bulletin board.

**ENROLLMENT**

Open enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is happening NOW! If you are considering a Catholic education for your kids, please call the school and arrange a tour. [541-772-4105](tel:541-772-4105). Come see what's special about Sacred Heart!

**SACRAMENTS**

Please pray for the 2nd and 3rd graders at our school and in the RE program who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in May, as well as 9th and 10th graders who are preparing to be confirmed in May. This is a special time in their lives, and they need your prayers.

**Did you know?**

Our joint 150th Anniversary with St. Mary's School this year is truly a remarkable milestone. Not many Catholic schools in the nation can claim this honor! The original school was 5 blocks away from St. Joseph's Church in Jacksonville, and opened on Sept. 11, 1865, with 12 boarding students and 33 day students. The Sisters of the Holy Names traveled from Portland on a 360 miles journey to start our Catholic school system here in Southern Oregon.

**ADORATION CHAPEL**

Thank you to all who pray in our chapel. If you wish to pray in the Chapel please come to the Parish Office and sign in for the code. The inner door is secured with the same code that opens the outer door. The Tabernacle can remain open while you pray. If no one relieves you please close the Tabernacle as you leave. Please open the Tabernacle door when you enter if you desire to do so. As always PLEASE pull both entry doors closed as you enter and as you leave. PLEASE do not let people you do not know into the Chapel. If anything untoward occurs while you are at prayer please notify the Office or Father Ken.

**Thank you**  
**Advertiser of the Week**  
**DOWNEY BUSINESS**  
**& TAX SERVICE**  
*Please thank our Advertisers*  
*with your patronage.*

**COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE**  
**Mar. 13** 7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom  
 8:30 - Emilda Vincent &  
 Chato Snow  
 Come over and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a yummy donut. 

**Financial Report**

	2/28/2016	3/1/2015
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$12,971.95	\$21,609.45
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$625,651.44	\$625,600.50
Needed for Budget	\$625,961.68	\$635,048.06
Over (under) Budget	(\$310.24)	(\$9,447.56)
% Over (Under) Budget	-0.05%	-1.49%

Thank you for the generous support of the parish.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Children's Mass Bulletins

There are special children bulletins at each of the doors of the church. Please take one of these activity pages for your child to complete at Mass or at home with you. The yellow pages are for children ages 3-6 while the blue pages are for children ages 7-12. The Bulletins correspond with the Gospel or one of Sunday Mass readings for that particular Sunday.

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Religious Education Classes are open to any child from Preschool -- 5<sup>th</sup> grade every Sunday at 9:50am until 11:15am at Sacred Heart School. Enrolment for these classes remains open throughout the school year, so come and join the fun!! It's never too late!! No Classes on Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) For further information or questions contact Mary Stallard 541-779-4661 ext: 107



## SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

**CONFIRMATION CLASS!** Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> **mandatory parent/sponsor meeting.** One parent or sponsor per youth needs to attend: teens can take the night off and stay home! Meeting will take place at the SHCS Music Room from 6:00pm-7:30p. See you there!

### **YOUTH GROUP**

This week, March 13<sup>th</sup> : **NO EDGE:** Due to the Sacred Heart School Play! Join us in the evening for Adoration!

**Next week: NO EDGE:** Palm Sunday

**LIFE NIGHT – March 13<sup>th</sup>:** XLT 7-8:30 with a social following!

**Next week: NO LIFENIGHT:** Palm Sunday

### **EDGE RETREAT DATE:**

Parents of middle school youth! We are excited to announce the dates for our upcoming (overnight) middle school retreat! We will be joining OLM, SOV, and SAGP for a middle school retreat in Klamath Falls OR on April 22- April 23<sup>rd</sup>! More information coming soon! Applications are available at the Sacred Heart Church office or by contacting Whitney Godfrey via e-mail at [wgodfrey@archdpdx.org](mailto:wgodfrey@archdpdx.org)!

**NUN RUN:** We will have our first Nun Run Meeting this Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 4-5p. Please contact Whitney Godfrey if you are attending the trip but are unable to make the meeting.

### **ADOPT A CONFIRMANDI - Prayer Warriors needed!**

Adopt a Confirmandi and commit to personal for the youth you are assigned as the student goes through their confirmation preparation classes. Please contact Whitney at [wgodfrey@archdpdx.org](mailto:wgodfrey@archdpdx.org) with a simple message that says; "I'd like to Adopt a Confirmandi!"

### **XLT ADORATION: THIS WEEK ... ADORATION!**

Join us Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at Sacred Heart Church from 7:00p-8:30p. Edge, Life Teen, and Young Adults are welcome to join us for Adoration. Following Adoration there will be a social from 8:30p-9:45p. 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 This Awesome Opportunity!

### **STEUBENVILLE San Diego 2016:**

Exciting NEWS! We will be going to Steubenville San Diego this year! This year we are excited to be taking 10 youth 3 chaperones and Whitney Godfrey as the group leader. Thank you to all who have applied: unfortunately we will not be able to take everyone that applied with us this year – youth who are accepted will be notified by March 16<sup>th</sup> 2016! Dates of SSD July 27<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Thank you for your support and interest!

**ST. ANNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, GRANTS PASS** is looking for a creative, compassionate, and experienced teacher to join our team part-time for our blended 5/6 class for the remainder of this school year. This position involves teaching English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science and will be approximately 19 hours per week. A practicing Catholic or a person with a personal commitment to Catholic education is strongly preferred.

### QUALIFICATIONS

• A current Oregon Teaching License (Substitute License okay) or equivalent endorsement

- The ability to evaluate and improve educational programs
- The ability to lead and motivate others
- The ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing

Please send resume and three references to Colleen at [ckotrba@stannegp.com](mailto:ckotrba@stannegp.com) or apply at the school office.

St. Anne Catholic School  
1131 NE 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Grants Pass, Oregon 97526  
(541)479-1582

### **LENTEN FASTING REGULATIONS**

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All Catholics between the ages 18 and 59, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

**Stations of the Cross** this Friday evening at 5:30 followed by Soup Supper in the Hall.

### **ROSARY SALE -- 8 – 2PM**

Come see all the varieties and colors of rosaries made by the Rosary Guild. All proceeds benefit the making of rosaries for the missions and the military. Sale is Sunday, March 13, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

### **COLD AND FLU SEASON**

Some parishioners are particularly susceptible to catching colds, coughs or flu when we gather in such numbers. If you really feel sick and think you might pass your illness on to others (a really bad cough for example), it might be best to stay home for a Sunday or so until you recover. This is not to discourage anyone from coming to Mass, but we all need to bear in mind the harmful effects our illnesses can have on the health of others.

### **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 664-6674 for information.

### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord God, You desire to give pastors to your people. Through the intercession of your most holy Mother, spread forth over your Church the spirit of mercy and strength. Rise up worthy ministers for your altars and help make them valiant yet humble defenders of your Gospel. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**LO GLUTEN COMMUNION HOSTS** are available for those who suffer an allergic reaction to gluten. Please get in the Priests Communion line and let him know you desire lo-gluten. He will get a host from the Altar in a pix and hold it out for you to take from.



### **MARRIED COUPLES**

Jesus has such compassion on the woman in the Gospel reading today as he forgives her and gives her mercy and grace instead of judgment and condemnation. We are in turn called to extend that same love and compassion to others, especially in our marriage relationship. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are April 29th - May 1st at Powell Butte Retreat Center near Bend, Oregon, and May 27th - 29th at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, Oregon. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at [www.rediscoverthespark.org](http://www.rediscoverthespark.org). Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

### **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 on 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 [projectaurora@aol.com](mailto:projectaurora@aol.com). *Para Espanol llamada a Araceli 541-621-7047.* [www.project-aurora.org](http://www.project-aurora.org)